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THE BAUMGARDNER FAMILY

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to my grandfather

JOSEPH RUNYAN BAUMGARDNER

Born February 3, 1854

Died August 3, 1927

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works . . . ”*

—Matthew 5:16

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PREFACE

ALL through childhood there were no fairy tales or adventure stories to rival the tales my grandmother told of days of her early life. She knew everyone the countryside over and remembered all the colorful, exciting facts of their lives. And so it was from this thread woven in and out of a boisterous childhood that I began to wonder just where the Baumgardner family fitted into the picture of my ancestral background. But by this time many of the older family had passed on; their children were scattered and their names unknown.

Forrest Runyan of Columbus, Ohio, kindly sent me all the data he had concerning the Baumgardners and also contributed all the published facts concerning the Runyan and Lynch connections. Mrs. Forrest Tavenner of Catawba, Ohio worked ceaselessly to secure data concerning descendants I knew only by name. She also gave me the facts here set out concerning the Curl and Brown lines. It was through her that I learned of the relation to General George Washington and could not resist adding it to our history. Dr. Edward Bumgardner of Lawrence, Kansas, several years ago made a study of the origin of the Baumgardner family and has obligingly contributed much information incorporated in the following pages. The rest of the material was obtained through mailing questionnaires and from obliging cousins who were anxious to help. Of course many of my queries remain unanswered. So it is to all these people that I owe my gratitude for a history as complete as it now is.

Perhaps my readers will be most interested in the origin of the family and it is with regret that I must publish this genealogy before early history is completed. In the summer of 1941 I passed through Clarksburg, West Virginia and stopped long enough to delve into the marriage records of that county. There was not enough time to search the other records nor did we have time to explore the old burying-grounds for tombstones of long-dead Baumgardners. Perhaps if we could have done all these things, we would have now a more complete story of the parentage and life of Andrew Baumgardner.

Andrew spelled his name without the first "A" and without the "D," thus giving rise to a dispute among his descendants as to the correct spelling of the name. Personally, I believe that we cannot rely on Andrew's spelling as being positive proof that "BUMGARNER" is correct, for it is a recognized fact that the pioneers spelled their names as they sounded and Americanized their foreign names without realizing what they were doing.

It is probable that the original spelling of the name was BAUMGARTNER from the German words, "baum" meaning tree, and "gartner" meaning gardener, or "baumgarten," meaning orchard. Although at this time we have no conclusive proof that Andrew Baumgardner was of German parentage, his surname as well as the given names of his children, indicate that his lineal descent was at least partly German.

It is fundamentally unimportant, really, just how we spell the name for we are all of the same blood. So if, in the following pages, I have violated the spelling of a family's name, I assure you it has been done unintentionally. None of us can say which spelling is correct and I do not pretend to settle the issue.

The adventurous spirit of Andrew and his bride, Telitha, which brought them to the fertile but unbroken lands of Ohio seemed to be implanted also to a great extent in their children. A great number of their descendants are still found in Ohio, many in Clark and Champaign Counties in the vicinity of Asbury Chapel, where the original family settled, and in nearby Mechanicsburg, Springfield and Columbus. But there are one or two lines who pushed on westward to Illinois and their descendants are found around Champaign, Philo and Mt. Caramel, Illinois. Others now reside in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oregon and California.

As you read through the pages to follow you will not find names of illustrious statesmen and politicians, for the Baumgardners are a family of the soil, coming first to Ohio as farmers. In the generations which have followed there have been ministers, doctors, dentists, schoolteachers and soldiers also, and without a doubt in years to come there will be many more notable Baumgardners, all servants of the people—true Americans all.

—WINNIFRED BEATTY

September 1, 1943

CHAPTER ONE

THE EARLY BAUMGARDNER FAMILY

ALL our yearnings—all our efforts—cannot bring back again the days that have gone. Surely frolicking children, winsome belles and handsome beaux were then as important as they are today, and yet the somber tombstones—the yellow, brittle legal records convey none of the charms and beauties of the persons they seek to perpetuate. To most of us, those people of long ago are mere names. We seldom pause to reflect on their personalities. We seldom let our imaginations picture them in their everyday chores, and yet we would doubtless be enthralled if we could look back on a single day of their lives. They fought; they worked; they died; and though only a few left a glorious name to be preserved in the annals of history, every one of them left a rich heritage worthy of the undying gratitude of their descendants.

All those men and women who bore the Baumgardner name in generations past were living, breathing human beings who loved their homes and families and in the early history of a struggling young nation played an important though unnoticed part. Many of them emigrated early to Ohio, which was the first frontier of the early 19th century, enduring the countless hardships of travel by wagon train and the menace of hostile Indians.

The first Baumgardner ancestor known to us is Andrew Bumgarner who was born August 6, 1777. His parentage is not yet known but he may be one of the younger sons of Joseph Bumgarner who is mentioned in the early history of Harrison County, West Virginia. It is known that an Andrew Bumgardner moved into Virginia from Pennsylvania in the late 18th century (probably about 1790) and settled near Clarksburg, Harrison County, Virginia, which is now West Virginia. It is possible his parents and brothers and sisters moved also.

From the report of the Government Census of 1800 is extracted the following information:

In 1784 Rudy Bumgarner was the head of a family of ten persons in Hampshire County, Virginia. Rudolph Bumgarner was the head of a family of eight persons in Hampshire County, Virginia also.

In 1785 Christian Bumgardner, David Bumgarner, Michael Bumgarner and Peter Bumgarner were listed in Shenandoah County, Virginia. Godfrey Bumgardner was the head of a family of eight in Rockingham County, Virginia. And Michael Bumgardner and John Bumbgardner were listed as heads of families in Frederick County, Maryland.

In the marriage records of Harrison County, West Virginia, which date from 1784, the following marriages are recorded:

Susanna Bumgarner, daughter of Godfrey Bumgarner and John Elsworth, June 25, 1792.

Andrew Bumgarner and Telitha Lynch, daughter of Peter Lynch, February 17, 1801.

Jacob Bumgarner and Sarah Wilson, daughter of Joseph Wilson, February 12, 1795.

Christina Bumgarner, daughter of Josepeh Bumgarner, and David Bennett, April 1, 1791.

Margrett Bumgardner and Aaroon Elsworth, June 27, 1791.

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Andrew Bumgarner was 23 years of age when he met and married seventeen year old Telitha Lynch. Telitha was the fourth daughter of Peter Lynch and Hester Saffron Lynch and was born in Harrison County, Virginia, February 24th, 1784.

It was February 17th, 1801 when they were married and America was fast shaking off the colonial dust of dependency and developing an originality quite surprising to the world. A new century was beginning, and Thomas Jefferson was soon to be inaugurated as the third president of the United States. In Virginia towns, speeches and processions, the salutes of the old cannon and the ringing of bells proclaimed the holiday, while in Washington it was the first inaugural ceremony to be conducted in the new capital.

In 1801 Clarksburg was a small village and the first settlers had come to the vicinity just a few years before the outbreak of the Revolution and found this particular spot a desirable place to live. The village stood on a rolling tableland encircled by an ampitheater of hills. Elk creek meandering through and around the town made it even more picturesque. Although these early settlers suffered greatly from the Indian massacres, the settlement managed to survive.

So it was near this village that Andrew and Telitha began their married life together.

During the next few years the nation was growing and hardy folk were pushing westward. Kentucky and Tennessee were already well settled. While the soil in Harrison County, Virginia, was fertile along the streams, the land as a whole was broken and rugged. Across the azure Alleghanies lay a land of unbelievable wonders, and every scout, surveyor and peddler who chanced to pass on their return trips tantalized the Virginians with the wealth and adventure of the lands beyond the mountains. Wagon trains formed in Clarksburg for destinations in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee and many friends and relatives of the Baumgardner family must have been among those who joined them.

It may have been a combination of all these factors which caused Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner to decide that their destiny and that of their children should be linked with the future of the infant state of Ohio.

So, discarding all possessions except those most vitally necessary to life on the frontier, Andrew and Telitha and their three children joined the wagon train along with several of their friends and relatives. Sophia Lynch, Telitha's sister, had married Abraham Runyan. Abraham Runyan, his bride and his two brothers, Joseph and George had been in Ohio since 1802 but Susannah Runyan, the widowed mother of these Runyan men came with this party to join her sons. Susannah Runyan was at that time past sixty years of age. James Schoonover and his family were also members of the wagon train. An axe, an auger, a knife, a rifle, a few iron and pewter utensils, a plow, a minimum of bedding and clothing, and a faithful dog were their only possessions as they severed—probably for life—close family ties and lifelong friendships and, in the spring of 1809, began the trek to Ohio.

It was only seventy miles to the Ohio River but the road through the Alleghanies was bumpy and muddy and an upward pull most of the way. Wagon trains travelled slowly and the trip was wearisome.

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Upon reaching the Ohio River, the pioneers constructed rafts and floated downstream to their destination. These rafts, seventy to a hundred feet long, were built by several families and on them was erected a cabin in which the family lived. Many times domestic animals were transported on the raft also. When the destination was reached the lumber in the raft was used for the floor, door and windows of the new cabins.

The Baumgardners and their fellow travellers landed their raft in Cincinnati, already a fast growing town, and building or buying wagons, travelled northward and settled between Cincinnati and Dayton at Todd's Forks, Warren County, Ohio. Here their fourth child, Jacob, was born in the fall of 1809.

However, their first choice of a site for their home was not very satisfactory because the fields were too level. They missed the hills of western Virginia and longed for their beauty. Therefore, after two years, several families moved north and east to what was then Champaign County and joined the settlement at Buck Creek already begun prior to 1805 by the families of Henry and Jacob Van Meter, Nathaniel Cartmill, Benjamin and William Cheney and William McClain. Here was a fertile valley with gently rolling hills and in this spot they established their permanent homes. George Jones, William Curl, Andrew Hodge, Andrew Baumgardner, Peter Arbogast, Abraham, George and Joseph Runyan formed the first settlement around the Asbury M. E. Chapel in Pleasant Township, three or four miles southwest of the present village of Catawba, Ohio. The Catawba settlement was first called Newburg but was later changed to Buck Creek because of another Ohio settlement known by the name of Newburg. The new name of Catawba was given the village when it was surveyed and platted in 1838.

It was now 1811. Although Ohio with a population of 45,000 had become a state eight years earlier and there were approximately thirty settlements recognized by name, much of the land was yet unbroken and those who came as settlers worked hard to earn their livelihood. The War of 1812 was brewing but little affected the course of the lives of these settlers. In 1817 Clark County was formed and Catawba and the surrounding territory were allotted to the new county.

Now that Andrew and Telitha were in the new land of Ohio, the great Sycamore trees, the fertility of the soil and the abundance of fish in the streams became a reality. The Indian menace was almost gone but the isolated family did not dare relax its vigilance. The panther was the most dreaded wild animal and bears and wolves abounded in the forests.

But in spite of all hardships, dangers and privations, the land was cleared and broken; the cabin, smokehouse and corn crib built, and the crops harvested. Five more children were born in Clark County, giving to Andrew and Telitha a family of nine children, which statistics say was then the "average" family.

These pioneers were a religious group of people and through their efforts the Methodist church was established in western Ohio. The early circuit riders were welcomed to the settlement and much of the time prayer meetings were held in the cabin of Andrew Baumgardner. The membership built in 1824 a small church, which they named Asbury Chapel in honor of Francis Asbury, the first Bishop of

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the Methodist Church in America. Bishop Asbury died in 1816 and his memory was sacred to every Methodist of the time. All of these early settlers and many of their descendants are buried in the little cemetery surrounding Asbury Chapel.

Andrew Baumgardner was only forty-eight years old when he died September 4th, 1825 and left his widow and nine children. The eldest of the children was 24 years old and the youngest only eighteen months at the time of his death. Telitha Baumgardner lived to be ninety-one and died January 19th, 1875. Both Andrew and Telitha are buried in Asbury Chapel, Clark County, Ohio.

In a newspaper item written at the time of Telitha Baumgardner's death January 19th, 1875, the Reverend John Vance, who was the Methodist preacher in Catawba, Ohio, at that time, published the following paragraph. (The clipping is now in the possession of Dr. W. L. Bumgardner of Columbus, Ohio.)

"Telitha Lynch was born in Harrison Co., Virginia, February 24, 1784. She was married to Andrew Bumgardner, February 19th, 1801. They moved near Cincinnati in 1809; and to Clark Co., Ohio in 1811. There they helped to form the first class at "Old Asbury." She joined the Church in her fourteenth year. Mother Bumgardner was the last survivor of that original society. She was left a widow in 1825 with a large family of children to provide for; but by industry and frugality she succeeded in raising them all to honorable manhood and womanhood, and nearly all members of the Church. For nearly fifty years she traveled alone in widowhood and was seventy-seven years a member of the Church. She died at her daughter's in Indiana, January 20, 1875."

The children of Andrew and Telitha Lynch Baumgardner in the order of their births are as follows:

1. Sapphira (Sophia) Baumgardner, born about 1802.
2. David Baumgardner, born January 15, 1804; died August 7, 1886.
3. Sarah Hesse Baumgardner (Hester), born about 1806-7.
4. Jacob Baumgardner, born October 13, 1809; died July 10, 1881.
5. Peter Lynch Baumgardner, born January 10, 1814; died August 14, 1893.
6. Abraham Baumgardner, born June 15, 1816; died July 28, 1886.
7. Margaret Baumgardner, born about 1820.
8. Rebecca Baumgardner, born April 10, 1821; died April 30, 1882.
9. George R. Baumgardner, born March 6, 1824; died February 25, 1853.

Their descendants are numbered in the following pages according to the number of the generation to which they belong.

CHAPTER TWO

SAPPHIRA BAUMGARDNER

SAPPHIRA BAUMGARDNER, also known as Sophia, was probably the eldest child of Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner. Perhaps she was named for her mother's next older sister, Sophia Lynch. Very little is known concerning her life but it is presumed she was born about 1802 in Harrison County, Virginia, and was seven or eight years old at the time her parents left Virginia for the Ohio frontier.

It is known that she married Brazil Bunnell and for a time lived near West Liberty, Ohio. Soon after their marriage, however, they emigrated to the western states and lived, for a time at least, in White County, near Reynolds, Indiana. There were several sons and daughters, some of whom still lived near Reynolds in 1904.

CHAPTER THREE

DAVID BAUMGARDNER

DAVID BAUMGARDNER, the eldest son of Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner, was born January 15, 1804 and was about five years old when his parents came to Ohio. April 16th, 1829 David was united in marriage to Sarah Schoonover who was the youngest daughter of James and Mary (Chriss) Schoonover. The Schoonovers travelled to Ohio in the same wagon train with the Baumgardners and were about the same age.

James Schoonover was born July 29, 1780 and his wife, Mary Chriss, was born February 5th, 1782. They had seven children, all of whom were born in Virginia, with the exception of the youngest, Sarah. The older children were Stephen, who married Sarah Crissman; Peter; Anson, who married Telitha Runyan, probably the daughter of Henry Runyan and Abigail Lynch who moved to Ohio about 1802; James, who married Susan Crissman; Eliza, who married a Yeamans; Rebecca Schoonover, who married Stephen Decatur Briggs; and Sarah, the youngest child, as stated above, who married David Baumgardner.

Sarah Schoonover was born February 19th, 1810 and died May 15th, 1867. After David and Sarah were married in 1829 they lived for a few years near Catawba, Ohio, but in 1839 they moved their family of three or four children westward. They travelled by covered wagon to Warren County, Indiana and settled near Williamsport.

Williamsport was a "port" on the Wabash River and before the days of railroads it was expected to be an important place for steamboats to stop. It was at that time a rival of Chicago and was expected to be more important than Chicago because of the swampy region around Lake Michigan where Chicago was prospected. In this connection, it is interesting to note that a State Road was laid out running northwest from Williamsport to Chicago. This fact alone shows the importance of Williamsport in the "Roaring Forties."

David and Sarah Baumgardner had six children, two of whom died in infancy. These children were Andrew, Lucinda, Stephen, Sarah Jane and the two infants, James and John Wesley.

David Baumgardner died August 7, 1886 at Ambia, Indiana and his wife Sarah, preceded him in death May 15th, 1867. It is presumed they are both buried at Ambia.

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(3) Andrew Bumgardner, named for his grandfather, was born February 15, 1831, died August 27th, 1912 and was married June 2, 1861 to Sophia Elizabeth Strait. She was born December 7th, 1835 and died January 27, 1917. Eight children were born to this couple: Edward, Jesse, Henry Lee, Nellie Virginia and four daughters who died in infancy. This family lived in Warren County, Indiana until 1880 at which time they moved to Jackson County, Kansas.

P Dr. Edward Bumgardner, the eldest of the children, has contributed an interesting story concerning his mother's great-grandfather, Jacob Strait, part of which is found in Thwait's "Chronicles of Border Warfare."

In 1782 Jacob Strait was living in Monongalia County, Virginia (now West Virginia) and John Drago lived in the same county, head of a family of seven. Mrs. Drago was Jacob Strait's sister. In the fall of 1786 Mrs. Drago and her little boy were captured by the Indians. Her brother, Jacob Strait, tried to rescue her but was killed by the Indians. Then they put Mrs. Drago on a horse and started for their home in the Ohio Country. In jumping across a ditch, the horse on which Mrs. Drago was riding, struck her leg against a tree and her leg was broken. Because of this injury, the Indians killed Mrs. Drago but took her little boy with them and adopted him into their tribe where he lived most of his life.

(4) Edward Bumgardner, born April 10, 1865, in Warren County, Indiana, was married June 25, 1891 to Jessie McCartney, who was born in 1863 and died October 6, 1915. One son, Harold Bumgardner, was born to this union February 14, 1895. He died April 28, 1905.

Edward Bumgardner married on November 29th, 1916 Edith Lua McCannon. She was born in 1885 and died October 20, 1918 at the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth.

(5) Lua Elizabeth Bumgardner, born October 18, 1918, married James Delbert McDonough December 27, 1938. They have one son—

(6) James Delbert McDonough, Jr., born January 25, 1943. Edward Bumgardner married Stella Kilbourne Stuart June 9th, 1920. Mrs. Bumgardner was born in 1880. One son was born to this union:

(5) Edward Stuart Bumgardner, born June 12, 1923, is now a corporal in the U. S. Army, taking special training as a technical air force "armorer."

Edward Bumgardner graduated at the State University of Iowa in Dentistry in 1891 and in Medicine in 1893. Since 1893 he has been in dental practice in Lawrence, Kansas, and celebrated his 50th anniversary in August of 1943. For thirty years Dr. Bumgardner has been a member of the board of directors of the Kansas State Historical Society and has made a lifetime study of the history of Kansas. He is a man of great energy and varied interests, but his greatest enthusiasm is for history. His book just recently published, "Lincoln and Kansas," covers the life of Abraham Lincoln from the repeal of the Missouri Compromise until his tragic death and is written from the Kansas-eye view.

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- (4) Jesse B. Bumgardner was born August 8, 1869 and married Clara Josephine Yount December 27th, 1898. They now live at Halton, Kansas, where Mr. Bumgardner is a retired postal employee. They have one daughter, Gladys.
- (5) Gladys Elizabeth Bumgardner, born September 1, 1901, married Luther Owen Nolf June 1st, 1927. He is a professor in the Zoology Department of the State University of Iowa in Iowa City. They have two sons:
 - (6) Bruce Owen Nolf, born January 15, 1932.
 - (6) Richard Allen Nolf, born October 16, 1935.
- (4) Henry Lee Bumgardner, born June 2, 1871, married Anna Mary Landis June 1st, 1905. She was born November 16, 1873 and died January 1st, 1917. Henry Lee Bumgardner now lives in Portland, Oregon. Four children were born to this couple:
 - (5) Florence Louise Bumgardner, born July 7, 1907, married Chester Lynds and resides at Salem, Oregon.
 - (5) Nellie Lee Bumgardner, born May 7, 1911, unmarried.
 - (5) Jesse Edward Bumgardner, born October 10, 1913, unmarried and now in service with the U. S. Army.
 - (5) James Henry Bumgardner, born April 29, 1916, also in service with the armed forces.
- (4) Nellie Virginia Bumgardner, born August 16, 1875, married George W. Parrott January 24, 1906. He was born December 29, 1870. They now live on a farm six miles south of Lawrence, Kansas. Their children are Luella Gertrude, Edythe La Verne and William Floyd.
 - (5) Luella Gertrude Parrott, born January, 1907, is a teacher.
 - (5) Edythe La Verne Parrott, born September 13, 1908; now married.
 - (5) William Floyd Parrott, born October 17, 1914, is now married and has a baby daughter.
- (3) Lucinda Bumgardner, born August 13, 1832, died February 23, 1908, married William Ferguson August 14, 1853. He was born March 30, 1832 and died January 2, 1904. They had three children, all of whom are now deceased.
 - (4) Mary Ferguson, born February 5, 1855, married John Bowlus October 18, 1874. They had two children, Lawrence Bowlus and Madge Bowlus.
 - (4) Jane Ferguson, born December 19, 1856, died February 2, 1930, married John Sipes December 24, 1875. They had four children:
 - (5) Warren G. Sipes, born September 3, 1878.
 - (5) William Henry Sipes, born April 9, 1884.
 - (5) Charles Darwin Sipes, born February 26, 1881.
 - (5) Susia Lucinda Sipes, born October 25, 1889.
 - (4) Darwin Thomas Ferguson was married but died without issue.
- (3) Stephen Bumgardner, born April 12, 1834, died February 13, 1870, married Hannah Elizabeth Jackson December 8, 1857. Two children Andrew and Belle, were their children. Andrew Bumgardner was living at Cripple Creek, Colorado, a few years ago. Belle married a Mr. Baker and later a Mr. Eade and lived in Missouri.
- (3) Sarah Jane Bumgardner, born in 1848, died in 1884, married

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Thomas F. Walton September 17, 1867. They lived in Missouri and had two children, Eva and Warren.

(4) Eva Walton, born June 6, 1868, married James Kelly August 2, 1885.

(4) Warren Walton, born August 19, 1869, married Linna D. Rucker February 16, 1897.

CHAPTER FOUR

SARAH HESSE (BUMGARDNER) YEAZEL

SARAH HESSE BAUMGARDNER, usually known as Hester, was probably named for her German grandmother, Hester Saffron Lynch. She was born about 1806-7 in Harrison County, Virginia and only two or three years old when she moved with her parents to Ohio. She was one of the older children of Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner and, for that reason, little is known of her life.

She married David Yeazel, a son of Abraham and Mary (Curl) Yeazel, who was born June 5th, 1804, and three children were born to them: Andrew, Telitha and George.

(3) Andrew Yeazel, named for his grandfather, had one daughter, Hannah Ellsworth Yeazel, but Andrew's wife is not known. It is presumed, also, that there were other children but their names cannot be found.

(4) Hannah Ellsworth Yeazel married Samuel Hartley and three children, Laura, Thomas and Elizabeth were born to them. They lived in or near Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

(5) Laura Hartley married Scott Dillon and at this writing resided in London, Ohio.

(5) Thomas Hartley resided in Dayton, Ohio, but is now deceased. It is not known whether he married.

(5) Elizabeth Ann Hartley, born February 19, 1868, died July 4, 1931, was married to John Cunningham. He was born June 11, 1865. Six children were born to this couple: Besse Dorothy, Carrie E., Florence, Jane, Sam and Ray.

(6) Besse Dorothy Cunningham, born August 8, 1902, married Thomas Jones Davis. He was the son of Joseph and Mary (Jones) Davis and was born June 15, 1880. This couple have no children and live at present in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

(6) Carrie E. Cunningham married Mr. Pratt from whom she was later divorced. One son, William Pratt, was born.

(6) Florence Cunningham married a Mr. Andrix and resides in London, Ohio. Two children, a boy and a girl were born to this couple.

(6) Jean Cunningham, the youngest daughter, married Lawrence Davis and resides in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. They have no children.

(6) Samuel F. Cunningham married Katherine Rutan and has two children, Sue and Roger.

(6) Ray Cunningham, now deceased, was killed by lightning.

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- (3) Telitha Yeazel, named for her grandmother, Telitha Lynch Baumgardner, married Ira Morse of Union County. She was married January 12, 1848 in Champaign County, Ohio. It is not known whether she had any children by this marriage. The records of Champaign County also show that Telitha Morse was married April 3, 1873 to Kemp C. Woodward.
- (3) George Yeazel, who may have been named for his mother's youngest brother, George R. Baumgardner, married Ida Glenn. It is known that one son was born to this couple but there may have been other children.

CHAPTER FIVE

JACOB BAUMGARDNER

JACOB BAUMGARDNER, fourth child of Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner, born October 13, 1809 in Warren County, Ohio, died July 10, 1881, was united in marriage June 23rd, 1836 to Eleanor Martin. She was the daughter of Abraham and Dollie (Van Meter) Martin and was born January 16, 1818 and died August 14th, 1910. Both Jacob Baumgardner and his wife, Eleanor, are buried in Asbury Cemetery, Catawba, Ohio.

Eleanor Martin journeyed with her brother, Nathan Martin, from Virginia in a two-wheel gig and lived with this brother, working in different homes until her marriage to Jacob Baumgardner. When Jacob and Eleanor bought their home Jacob journeyed by horse-back to Chillicothe, Ohio, and bought the farm from two maiden ladies. This farm is still in the possession of the family, Agnes Van Meter, daughter of Nathan, owns the old home place. Of the nine children born to this couple, all were born in a log cabin back in the orchard. About 1870 a new house was built, but the only one bearing the name born in this house was Alice, daughter of Jacob.

Nine children were born to Jacob and Eleanor Baumgardner as follows: Milton, Andrew, Hiram Lynch, Ruhanna, George, Nathan Martin, Sarah Esther, Levi F. and Jacob Van Meter.

- (3) Milton Baumgardner, born May 4, 1837, died May 26, 1896, was married December 10, 1858 to Martha Ellen Ropp. She was the daughter of Jacob and Isabell Ropp and was born February 7, 1841 and died August 21, 1907. Four children were born: Ella Bell, Charles, Edward and Albert C.
- (4) Ella Bell Baumgardner, born April 21, 1860, died February 11, 1935, was married August 11th, 1887 to Daniel C. Collins. He was born February 14, 1852 and died August 10, 1916. Both are buried at New Salem, Ohio. Two daughters, Anna Marie and Jessie, were born to this union. Her second husband was John W. Runyan whom she married October 29th, 1925. He was born April 16, 1849 and died in 1936. He is buried at Asbury Cemetery, Catawba, Ohio.
- (5) Anna Marie Collins, born May 23, 1888, married June 1st, 1920 to John L. Allen, who was born October 4, 1888. No issue.

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- (5) Jessie Collins, born March 2, 1891, married January 9, 1924 to Henry H. Johnston. He was born June 29, 1890. Two daughters were born to this couple: Jean Ann and Nancy Lou.
 - (6) Jean Ann Johnston, born May 24, 1927.
 - (6) Nancy Lou Johnston, born January 24, 1930.
- (4) Charles W. Baumgardner, born November 18, 1861, died October 8, 1934, married December 24, 1885 to Ida May Davisson. She was the daughter of George and Jennie Jones Davisson and was born August 19th, 1866. Charles Baumgardner is buried at Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Three children were born to this couple: Minor, Willard and Evelyn.
 - (5) Minor Baumgardner, born January 2, 1890, married November 24, 1912 to Mary Silvers. She was the daughter of John and Anna Silvers and was born September 8, 1891. Two children were born: Dorothy and Philip.
 - (6) Dorothy Baumgardner, born November 9, 1914.
 - (6) Philip Baumgardner, born April 10, 1921.
 - (6) Patricia Ann Baumgardner, born February 2, 1932.
 - (5) Willard Baumgardner, born September 29, 1891, married December 25, 1913 to Anna Hardman. She was the daughter of Minor W. and Hattie (Runyan) Hardman and was born December 16, 1892 and died May 23, 1934. She is buried at Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Two children, Robert and Betty Louise, were born to this union.

November 14th, 1941 Willard Baumgardner married Minnie Calopay. She was born June 3, 1886.

 - (6) Robert Baumgardner, born March 21, 1915, married August 10th, 1938 to Dorothy Harper. One son born.
 - (7) Danna Baumgardner, born March 19, 1940.
 - (6) Betty Louise Baumgardner, born November 24, 1917, married May, 1939 to John Goodfellow. They have two children.
 - (7) Anna Ruth Goodfellow, born February 11, 1941.
 - (7) Nancy Jo Goodfellow, born September 15, 1942.
 - (5) Evelyn Baumgardner, born April 5, 1906, married July 26, 1933 to W. Arthur Fans. He was born February 24, 1907. Two children were born, Marie Anna and Robert Arthur.
 - (6) Marie Anna Fans, born August 2, 1937.
 - (6) Robert Arthur Fans, born December 2, 1940.
 - (4) Edward Baumgardner, born April 26, 1863, died May 9, 1897, married Minerva Harper. One son, Edgar, was born to this couple. Edward Baumgardner is buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
 - (5) Edgar Baumgardner (no data available).
 - (4) Albert C. Baumgardner, born December 29, 1866, married February 13, 1888 to Ida Easton. She was born March 23rd, 1867 and died in April, 1923 and is buried at Zanesfield, Ohio. Two daughters, Martha Evelyn and Mary Elizabeth were born to this union.

Albert C. Baumgardner was married June 11th, 1927 to Mary

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Riddell Utz, who died June 10, 1929 and is buried at Hebron, Ky. His third wife was Debbie Robert Henry whom he married December 22nd, 1931.

(5) Martha Evelyn Baumgardner, born November 8, 1890, married April 5th, 1916 to Harry Startzman. One son was born:

(6) John Edward Startzman, born August 23, 1921.

(5) Martha Elizabeth Baumgardner, born October 6, 1898, married January 1st, 1920 to Robert Orth. One daughter, Martha Anne, was born to this couple.

(6) Martha Anne Orth, born September 22, 1922, married January 20, 1940 to George Haignere. They have one daughter:

(7) Nancy Anne Haignere, born November 6, 1941.

(3) Andrew Baumgardner, born December 8, 1838, died February 26, 1894, was married August 18th, 1861 to Malissa Curl. She was the daughter of Isaac and Liza Curl and died November 9, 1917. Both Andrew and Malissa Baumgardner are buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Three children were born to this union: William, Anna and Elliott.

(4) William Baumgardner drowned when a child of thirteen years.

(4) Anna Baumgardner, born in 1867, died April 30, 1892. She was married to William Earsom but there were no children born. William Earsom was born in 1855 and died October 25, 1888.

(4) Elliott Baumgardner, born in 1869 and died in 1904 was married to Cora Guy, the daughter of Henry Guy. One child, a daughter, Lucille, was born:

(5) Lucille Baumgardner, born February 28, 1896; died October 23, 1920, married Edward Watkins Putnam July, 1917. He was born March 26, 1896 and died June 1st, 1931.

One daughter, Anne Lucille, was born to this couple and after the death of her mother and father was reared by her paternal grandmother in Cleveland, Ohio.

(6) Anne Lucille Putnam, born April 26, 1919, married Dr. Guy Sharp Peterson April 4th, 1940. Dr. Peterson is now serving in the Medical Division of the U. S. Army Air Forces. They have one child, Carolyn Ann.

(7) Carolyn Ann Peterson, born December 19, 1941.

(3) Hiram Lynch Baumgardner, born October 11, 1840, died December 11, 1921, married April 11, 1867 to Mary Smith. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Smith and was born April 25th, 1839 and died March 23, 1912. One daughter, Lyda, was born.

(4) Lyda Baumgardner, born June 14, 1869, was married February 26th, 1896 to Charles Pangborn, now deceased. They had one daughter, Eva.

(5) Eva Pangborn, born March 3, 1897, was married April 21, 1924 to Paul Jones. He was born October 7, 1891. They had one son, now deceased.

(6) Robert Paul Jones, born March 7, 1925, died June 23, 1942.

(3) Ruhanna Baumgardner, fourth child of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Baumgardner, was born December 17, 1842 and died March, 1919. She was married October 26th, 1864 to Albert Cheney. He

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was born in 1841 and died in 1923. Both are buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. No children were born to this couple.

- (3) George William Baumgardner, born February 4th, 1844, but never married as far as is known. He fought with the Union Army in the Civil War and was lost on General Sherman's march to the sea. It is said he left the main army to forage and was evidently killed. His death is not noted in the army records.

In a letter written to Jacob Baumgardner by Hiram L. McConkey March 12th, 1865 from Fayetteville, North Carolina, the full details of George William Baumgardner's death is recorded. The letter is still very plain and in good condition. It is now in the possession of Alice Bumgardner Tavenner of Catawba, Ohio.

- (3) Nathan Martin Baumgardner, the sixth child of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Baumgardner, was born May 25, 1847 and died November 15, 1933. He was married November 12, 1874 to Anna Bell Yeazel, the daughter of George and Nancy (Wilkinson) Yeazell. Anna Belle was born February 26, 1854 and died January 30, 1928. Both Nathan Martin Baumgardner and his wife, Anna Bell, are buried in Maple Grove cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Two daughters were born: Agnes and Wilmette:

The only photograph of Telitha Lynch known to be in existence is in the possession of Wilmette Baumgardner Haley.

- (4) Agnes Baumgardner, born November 7, 1875, was married first to Dr. C. E. Demand. He was born May 9, 1852 and died March 16, 1915. There were no children born to this marriage. In July, 1921, she was married to Rollin Van Meter. He was born November 12, 1874. No children were born to this union.

- (4) Wilmette Baumgardner, born May 17, 1879, was married first May 3, 1899 to Maurice C. Houston, from whom she was later divorced. May 16th, 1917 she was married to William H. Rowe and one daughter, Betty Annabel, was born to this marriage. July 26, 1939 she married James A. Haley.

- (5) Betty Annabel Rowe, born June 3, 1920.

- (3) Sarah Esther Baumgardner, seventh child of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Baumgardner, was born November 11, 1849 and died October 4, 1873. She was married in 1867 to Joseph Milton Yeazell but no children were born to this marriage. Joseph Milton Yeazell was born October 26, 1847 and died in November, 1917. Both are buried in Asbury Cemetery, Clark County, Ohio.

- (3) Levi F. Baumgardner, eighth child of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Baumgardner, was born February 4, 1852 and died February 25, 1928. He was married February 17th, 1876 to Lillian Runyan. She was born September 8th, 1858, the daughter of Wesley and Phidelia (Wilson) Runyan, and died March 5th, 1925. Both are buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio. Three children were born to this couple: Dora, Francis Wilbur and Marion Clay.

- (4) Dora Baumgardner, born July 1st, 1878, was married December 22nd, 1898 to Edward C. Phlegar. One daughter was born to this union.

- (5) Pauline Gladys Phleger, born March 12th, 1900, married December 25, 1919 to Charles H. McFarland.

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Dora Baumgardner Phleger was married February 18, 1919 to Earl V. Reed, who died October 12, 1926.

- (4) Francis Wilbur Baumgardner, born September 4, 1882, married September 9, 1903 to Mirrel Gladys Harmison. She was born December 7th, 1884, the daughter of Jasper S. and Jennie (Earnhart) Harmison. Eight children were born to this couple: Hazel, Gladys, Mildred, Richard, Phyllis, Mary, Betty and Jack.
- (5) Hazel Yetive Baumgardner, born July 15, 1904, married September 10, 1932 to Carl Gray. He was born April 2, 1905. Three children were born to this union:
 - (6) Juanita Frances Gray, born May 20, 1933.
 - (6) John Thomas Gray, born November 26, 1934.
 - (6) June Ann Gray, born August 11, 1936.
- (5) Gladys Mae Baumgardner, born September 4, 1905, married April 7, 1924 to Richard Estel. He was born February 2, 1903. Six children were born to this union:
 - (6) Wilbur Landen Estel, born December 16, 1924, died April 1, 1925.
 - (6) Richard Eugene Estel, born June 4, 1926.
 - (6) Donald Edward Estel, born July 14, 1927.
 - (6) Betty Louise Estel, born December 25, 1929.
 - (6) Berta Lucille Estel, born September 13, 1934.
 - (6) Nora Josephine Estel, born November 3, 1938.
- (5) Mildred Irene Baumgardner, born July 20, 1908, married June 8, 1927 to Paul Fahey. He was born November 16, 1906. Two children have been born:
 - (6) Teresa Joyce Fahey, born May 18, 1933.
 - (6) Richard Baumgardner Fahey, born January 2, 1911; died November 8th, 1919.
- (5) Phyllis Marie Baumgardner, born May 13, 1913, married October 25, 1932 to Alden Leroy McGowen. He was born November 2, 1911. Two children have been born:
 - (6) Phyllis Jeanne McGowen, born June 9, 1933.
 - (6) Eleanor Jo McGowen, born March 6, 1941.
- (5) Mary Kathryn Baumgardner, born July 14, 1918, married January 25th, 1936 to Zane Grey Mullenix. He was born May 18, 1916. One child born:
 - (6) Clark Everett Mullenix, born December 23, 1936.
- (5) Betty Bernice Baumgardner, born June 3, 1920.
- (5) Jack Lewis Baumgardner, born January 9, 1922.
- (4) Marion Clay Baumgardner, born March 3rd, 1897 was married October 27th, 1922 to Marie Weisenstein. She was born October 9, 1902. Marion Clay Baumgardner was killed in an automobile accident March 21, 1932 and is buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio.
- (3) Jacob Van Meter Baumgardner, youngest child of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Baumgardner, was born November 1st, 1854 and died January 21, 1941. He attended school at a little old school house at the edge of the village of Catawba and his children have heard him mention many times his school mates and the pranks played by them. On July 31, 1879 he was united in marriage to Sarah Ella Yeazell, daughter of George and Nancy Ann Wilkinson Yeazel. She was born August 24, 1860. Jake and Ella

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Baumgardner had celebrated sixty-two years of married life before the death of Jacob Baumgardner in 1941 at the age of 86 years. He loved his home and his family and was of a quiet and unassuming disposition. He was plain spoken but kind to his family and neighbors. For a number of years he was a farmer but later traveled over the country as a windmill erector.

The family bible of his father, Jacob, was a gift to this youngest child and it is in the possession of his widow. In the bible are the handwritings of his mother and of several of the children.

Jacob is buried in Asbury Cemetery, Clark County, Catawba, Ohio. Two children, Alice and Nathan E., were born to this union:

(4) Alice Baumgardner, born October 30, 1882, was married December 26, 1900 to Forrest M. Tavenner. He was born April 19, 1878. No children born.

(4) Nathan E. Baumgardner, born December 8, 1888, married August 25, 1910 to Helen Hodge, daughter of Edgar W. and Lucy (Guy) Hodge. She was born August 11, 1889 and died April 23, 1929. She is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

May 30th, 1930 Nathan E. Baumgardner was married to Stella Jones Murray, daughter of Elmer and Anna (McConkey) Jones. She was born in October, 1888.

There were no children born to either marriage.

CHAPTER SIX

PETER LYNCH BAUMGARDNER

PETER LYNCH BAUMGARDNER was the fifth child of Andrew and Telitha (Lynch) Baumgardner and was named for his Irish grandfather, Peter Lynch. He was born January 10th, 1814 in Clark County, Ohio and died August 14, 1893. November 18th, 1841 he was married to Mary Skillman, daughter of David C. and Sarah (Carey) Skillman. Mary Skillman was born January 27, 1821 and died March 13, 1896. Both Peter Lynch Baumgardner and his wife, Mary, are buried in Asbury Cemetery, Clark County, Ohio.

Two children were born to this couple: David and Lou B.

(3) David C. Bumgardner was born December 20, 1846 and died in August, 1909. He served in the Civil War as a member of the 44th Infantry and the 8th Ohio Cavalry. At an early age he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of Catawba, Ohio, and was a member for many years. He filled all the important offices in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For a time he was Clerk of Pleasant Township, and because of his exceptional ability in penmanship and mathematics, was noted for the fine appearance and accuracy of his books and records. Unusual mechanical skill and artistry made him an outstanding workman in woods and metals. He was a man of dependability; an intelligent, honest and loyal American citizen; and a true Christian gentleman.

His first wife was Susan B. Ward, whom he married June 5, 1870. Two sons were born to this union: Ward Lynch and Clifford H. Susan Ward was the daughter of Josiah and Rebecca Ward and was born in 1838 and died in 1889. Both are buried at Asbury.

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(4) Dr. Ward Lynch Bumgardner, born July 5th, 1871, was married June 26, 1895 to Josephine Mahar. She was the daughter of Martin and Caroline (Yeazel) Mahar and was born December 17, 1873. Dr. Bumgardner studied at the Ohio Dental College in Cincinnati, Ohio, from where he graduated in May, 1902. Three children were born: Esther, Robert and an infant, Francis.

(5) Esther Bumgardner, born July 2, 1896, was married June 26, 1926 to Reynolds E. Smith. He was born November 15, 1899, the son of Edward Elverton and Francelia (Reynolds) Smith. This couple now resides in Joliet, Illinois, where Mr. Smith is an electrical engineer.

(5) Francis Bumgardner, born May 7, 1903, died at birth.

(5) Robert Bumgardner, born August 21, 1904.

(4) Dr. Clifford H. Bumgardner, born November 7, 1876, died September 3, 1927, was married February 22, 1899 to Marie Wilson. Dr. Bumgardner was a physician, having attended medical schools in Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. One son, Lowell, was born to this couple.

(5) Lowell Ward Bumgardner, born June 30, 1902, was married October 18th, 1930 to Julia Whittington, daughter of Thomas Whittington. They have one son, James Philip.

(6) James Philip Bumgardner, born February 5, 1932.

David C. Bumgardner's second wife was Ida Thornberg and to this union one son, Ray, was born.

(4) Ray Bumgardner, born August 22, 1894, married August 25, 1914 to Alda Tavenner. She was born May 1, 1893, the daughter of Charles and Josephine (Dane) Tavenner. Two children were born to this couple: Nadine and Richard.

(5) Nadine Bumgardner, born March 29, 1916, married December 24, 1927 to Eddie Chapman.

(5) Richard Bumgardner, born May 6, 1923, married March 13, 1943 to Bessie Lou Corwin.

(3) Lou B. Bumgardner, the second child and only daughter of Peter Lynch and Mary (Skillman) Bumgardner, was born June 27, 1858 and died February 28, 1936. She was married June 14th, 1893 to Samuel H. Neer. He was born September 8th, 1852, the son of Isaiah and Ann Neer. Samuel Neer is now deceased and both he and his wife are buried in Asbury Cemetery, Clark County, Ohio. There were no children born to this couple.

CHAPTER SEVEN

ABRAHAM BAUMGARDNER

ABRAMHAM BAUMGARDNER, the sixth child but fourth son of Andrew and Telitha (Lynch) Baumgardner, was born June 15th, 1816 in Clark County, Ohio and died July 28th, 1886. February 10th, 1845 he was united in marriage to Nancy Runyan, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Curl) Runyan. Nancy Runyan was born in Clark County, Ohio, on January 31st, 1826 and died March 8th, 1909. Both are buried at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

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Abraham Baumgardner was 28 years old and his bride, 19, when in 1845 they set up their home in a log cabin just east of Asbury Chapel. At that time the steam locomotive still created a furore of excitement but the iron rails were creeping steadily westward to gird the east to the west. The telegraph had been officially tested and was still a legend to the Ohio country, although it was familiar in the east. Pioneers were pushing into Oregon and, as a result, a war with Great Britain hung in the balance. Texas had won a bloody independence from Mexico and had joined the union of the United States of America. The grievances which culminated a few years later in the War Between the States were evident and were growing more pronounced. And in three more years gold was to be discovered and like a magnet drew families by the thousands across the plains, deserts and mountains.

But Abraham and Nancy remained in Ohio and from their first cabin moved into a log house at Pleasant Chapel where their last three children, Clara, Lincoln and Charles were born. About 1876 they built a larger nine-room house which still stands among the tall whispering pines.

Abraham Baumgardner was a man of medium stature with light brown hair and blue eyes. He was also left-handed and this characteristic is found scattered among his descendants. By trade he was a farmer, but much of his time was occupied with the prayer meetings, class meetings and church services he conducted in the Catawba Methodist community as the "local preacher." Endowed with a good singing voice, he was known throughout the countryside as a singer as well as a preacher and a farmer.

In the possession of his son, A. L. Baumgardner, of Springfield, Ohio, is one of his Local Preacher's Licenses which reads as follows:

(For District Conference)

Renewal of

Local Preacher's License

To all whom it may concern—

This certifies that the license of A. BUMGARDNER as a Local Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby renewed.

Signed by order of the District Conference of Cincinnati Conf., in the Springfield District, this 15th day of June, 1876.

G. B. SMITH, Secretary

J. W. CASSATS, Chairman

While Abraham Baumgardner was never ordained as a minister of the Methodist Church, still he rendered a great service to the people of the Catawba Methodist community as their "Local Preacher."

Nine children, six boys and three girls, were born to this couple and all of them received only common school education. These children were George, Perry, John, Joseph, Arabell, Mary Etta, Clara Lincoln and Charles.

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- (3) George Baumgardner, born November 12, 1846, died July 13, 1921, married Emma Vanskiver, daughter of Abner Vanskiver. She was born April 18, 1851 and died July 2, 1925. George and Emma Baumgardner are buried at Maple Grove Cemetery at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
- To them were born four children: Elsie, Walter, Harry and Clark, the older two dying without issue.
- (4) Elsie Baumgardner, born April 19, 1880, died October 14, 1939, married Clay Rogers, son of Russell and Lydie E. Rogers. He was born September 1, 1863. No issue.
- (4) Walter Baumgardner, born October 9, 1881, died December 29, 1929, unmarried. No issue.
- (4) Harry Bumgardner, born November 12, 1888 was married May 12, 1913 in Los Angeles, California to Viola Clotworthy, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Horner) Clotworthy of that city. She was born April 25, 1890. This family lived until 1922 around Mechanicsburg, Ohio, but that year moved to California where they still reside, at present at Redondo Beach. Three children were born to Harry and Viola Bumgardner. They changed the spelling of their name to Bumgardner, dropping the a from the first syllable of the name. Their three children are George, Sarah and William.
- (5) George Harold Bumgardner, born October 14, 1915, married December 3rd, 1938 to Esther Viola Baldwin. She was born November 15, 1920 and is the daughter of Ira and Dolly (Van Druff) Baldwin. This couple live at Redondo Beach, California and have one son, Harry Lynn.
- (6) Harry Lynn Bumgardner, born January 7, 1941.
- (5) Sarah Madge Bumgardner, born July 17, 1917, married August 6th, 1938 to George Francis Bartholomew. He is the son of George and Mildred (Harriman) Bartholomew and was born May 30, 1916. This couple reside at 127½ East 49th Street, Los Angeles, California and have one son living.
- (6) Richard Dennis Bartholomew, born January 24, 1940; died January 25, 1940.
- (6) Steven Lee Bartholomew, born July 15, 1941.
- (5) William Walter Bumgardner, born September 21st, 1918 at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
- (4) Clark Bumgardner, born April 11, 1886, married January 1st, 1908 to Anna Trophagan, daughter of Richard T. Trophagan. She was born September 18, 1888. They live at Milford Center, Ohio, and have one son, Robert.
- (5) Robert Bumgardner, born April 10, 1910, married July 10th, 1935 to Ruth Armstrong, daughter of Harry Armstrong and born August 16, 1905.
- (3) Perry Baumgardner, born August 10, 1848, died March 3, 1921, married July 25th, 1872 to Mahala Climer. She was born December 15, 1846 and died June 17, 1898. She was the daughter of William W. and Belinda (Arbogast) Climer. Five children were born to this couple: Sherwin, Georgia, Foster, Lillian and Nellie.
- (4) Sherwin Baumgardner, born August 18, 1873, married Laura Wingfield, January 6, 1897. She was born December 26, 1868,

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the daughter of Felix and Eliza Ann Wingfield. She is now deceased. Six children were born to this couple: Helen, Ralph, Olive, Alice, Thelma and Anna.

- (5) Helen Baumgardner, born February 15, 1898, married January 18, 1919 to Milton Violet. He was born August 30, 1893, son of Frank and Harriet Violet. They have five children.
 - (6) Marjorie Frances Violet, born January 10, 1920.
 - (6) Harriet Lucille Violet, born April 27, 1922, married August 30, 1938 to Earl Weaver.
 - (6) Olive Ruth Violet, born June 1, 1929.
 - (6) Roger Milton Violet, born October 27, 1934.
 - (6) Helen Louise Violet, born August 12, 1940.
- (5) Ralph Baumgardner, born September 6, 1899, married December 25, 1923 to Avis Douglas. She was born February 23, 1901, the daughter of Elmer and Ettie Douglas. They have five children.
 - (6) Dora Jean Baumgardner, born October 25, 1924.
 - (6) Virginia Marie Baumgardner, born February 14, 1932.
 - (6) Ralph Elmer Baumgardner, born March 10, 1934.
 - (6) Harold Lee Baumgardner, born August 20, 1935.
 - (6) Duane Edward Baumgardner, born January 3, 1940.
- (5) Olive Baumgardner, born November 19, 1901, married December 23, 1922 to Glenn Loveless. He was born May 25, 1887, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Loveless. They have two children, Phillip and Ronald.
 - (6) Phillip Leon Loveless, born December 26, 1923.
 - (6) Ronald Thomas Loveless, born January 6, 1931.
- (5) Alice Baumgardner, born May 25, 1903, married June 12, 1924 to Lawrence Wildman, from whom she was later divorced. August 6th, 1933 she was married to Willis Shirk.
- (5) Thelma Baumgardner, born March 28, 1907.
- (5) Anna Baumgardner, born January 7, 1911.
- (4) Georgia Baumgardner, born September 18, 1874, married October 12, 1898 to George E. Turner. He was the son of John and Eleanor Turner and was born June 22, 1877. No issue.
- (4) Foster Baumgardner, born October 3, 1876, married Mary Reedy, daughter of John and Susan Reedy. Six children were born to this couple: Alta, Millie, Louis, Alameda, Margaret and Dorothy Rae. Foster Baumgardner is now deceased.
 - (5) Alta Baumgardner, born August 5, 1899, married Harry Freeman August, 1925. He was born January 22, 1889, the son of George and Sarah Freeman. They have five children.
 - (6) Caroline Freeman, born March 23, 1926.
 - (6) Edwin Freeman, born July 13, 1927.
 - (6) Harry Freeman, born October 25, 1929.
 - (6) Wayne Freeman, born February 26, 1931.
 - (6) Mary Lou Freeman, born June 11, 1932.
 - (5) Millie Baumgardner, born November 6, 1900, married August, 1920 to William Hatfield, son of Frank and Ettie Hatfield. He was born August 17, 1899. They have three children.
 - (6) Donald Hatfield, born April 23, 1920.

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- (6) William Hatfield, born January 27, 1922.
- (6) Joan Hatfield, born October 9, 1928.
- (5) Louis Baumgardner, born October 25, 1902, married September, 1927 to Ella M. Hamilton. She was born August 8, 1902, the daughter of Murray and Anna Hamilton. They have one child.
- (6) Dianne Baumgardner, born July 26, 1929.
- (5) Alameda Baumgardner, born February 3, 1907, married September, 1935 to Walter Moon. He was born May 20, 1907, the son of Walter and Ella Moon.
- (5) Margaret Baumgardner, born April 16, 1909, married August 24, 1930 to DeWitt Rutan. He was born May 25, 1907, the son of Glenn and Della Rutan.
- (5) Dorothea Rae Baumgardner, born January 24, 1918, married March 2, 1940 to Harvey Layman. He was born September 18, 1916, the son of Harvey and Nellie Layman.
- (4) Lillian Baumgardner, nicknamed "Pet," born January 27, 1879, died January 24, 1913, unmarried.
- (4) Nellie Baumgardner, born January 31, 1882, died August 19, 1936, married December 31, 1902 to Howard Ritchie. He was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Ritchie and was born January 16, 1882. One child was born to this union:
 - (5) Gwenith Ritchie, born December 10, 1903, married August 23, 1927 to Millard Allender. He was born August 2, 1905, the son of Ashby and Georgia Allender. They have three children.
 - (6) James Allender, born January 13, 1930.
 - (6) Jayne Allender, born June 28, 1932.
 - (6) Mary Jacquelyn Allender, born August 14, 1935.

After the death of his wife June 17th, 1898, Perry Baumgardner married Margaret Yeazell October 23rd, 1900. Margaret Yeazell was the daughter of Frank and Susannah Yeazell and was born November 6th, 1870. One daughter, Edna, was born to Perry and Margaret Baumgardner.

- (4) Edna Baumgardner, born August 19, 1902 died July 30, 1923, married June 15, 1921 to Harold Hainsworth. Harold Hainsworth died July 15th, 1924. Twins were born to this union, one of whom died at birth.
 - (5) Infant twin, born May 3, 1922, died at birth.
 - (5) William Hainsworth, born May 3, 1922, reared by his maternal grandmother after the death of his mother and father. He is now in service with the U. S. Army.
- (3) John Wesley Baumgardner, born November 28, 1850, died June 29, 1919, married in June, 1875 to Sarah Arabell Stipes. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Stipes and was born September 19th, 1855 and died August 1st, 1890. Both John and Sally Baumgardner are buried at Asbury Chapel, Catawba, Ohio. Eight children were born to this couple: Fred, Everett, Zelda, Virginia, Lawrence, Cecil, Earl and Nancy.
- (4) Frederick Baumgardner, born December 7th, 1876, married December 27th, 1899 to Isa Sharp, daughter of George and Mary Sharp. Isa Sharp was born November 1, 1878 and died

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June 14, 1922. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union:

- (5) Leah Maud Baumgardner, born March 19, 1901; died September 10, 1901.
 - (5) Paul S. Baumgardner, born December 19, 1903, married August 2, 1930 to Roberta Prugh. She was born July 28, 1906. Four children have been born to this couple:
 - (6) John Fred Baumgardner, born January 29, 1932.
 - (6) Beverly Ann Baumgardner, born September 2, 1933.
 - (6) Paul Sharp Baumgardner, born July 31, 1935.
 - (6) Nancy Jane Baumgardner, born July 3, 1937.
 - (5) Anna Mary Baumgardner, born February, 1907, died August 14, 1907.
 - (5) Ralph Eldon Baumgardner, born June 14, 1910, married to Dolores Marie Thomas. One daughter has been born.
 - (6) Barbara Jane Baumgardner, born September 22, 1939.
- Isa Sharp Baumgardner died June 14, 1922 and September 14, 1923 Fred Baumgardner was united in marriage to Jennie Ammon. She was born June 2, 1878. There were no children born to this union.
- (4) Everett Baumgardner, born January 7, 1878, died July, 1878, at six months of age.
 - (4) Zelda Baumgardner, born September 21, 1879, died February 22, 1929, was married December 25, 1900 to Charles Runyan. Charles Runyan was born March 2, 1875 the son of James Milton Runyan. Five children were born to this couple: Marion, Carlton, Dorothy and two infants.
 - (5) Marion Runyan, born September 19, 1904, was married June 12, 1929 to Gladys Wells. She is the daughter of Charles and Minnie Wells and was born February 2, 1909. They have four children.
 - (5) Howard Runyan, born March 15, 1930.
 - (6) Norman Runyan, born March 20, 1934.
 - (6) Roger Runyan, born March 3, 1935.
 - (6) Joyce Ann Runyan, born August 26, 1936.
 - (5) Carlton Runyan, born October 15, 1908, was married October 15, 1929 to Grace Titus. She was born October 6, 1908, and was the daughter of Arthur Titus. They have two children.
 - (6) Robert Runyan, born July 17, 1930.
 - (6) Donald Runyan, born November 17, 1934.
 - (5) Dorothy Runyan, born April 3, 1914, died August 1, 1932.
 - (5) Infant, died at birth.
 - (5) Infant, died at birth.
 - (4) Virginia Baumgardner, born May 22, 1881, married April 2, 1905 to Howard Skillman. He was born November 20, 1876 and was the son of Edward and Eliza Catherine (Harper) Skillman. Two daughters were born to this couple who reside in Columbus, Ohio: Kathryn and Martha.
 - (5) Kathryn Skillman, born November 8, 1905, married April 14, 1923 to William Emerson Blaine. He was born June 16, 1902 and was the son of John and Fanny Blaine. They have one child.

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- (6) William Emerson Blaine, Jr., born January 2, 1924.
- (5) Martha Skillman, born July 13, 1908, married July 31, 1928 to Chester Witherspoon. He was born October 18, 1905, the son of William and Julia Witherspoon. They live in Columbus, Ohio and have two children.
- (6) Virginia Witherspoon, born April 29, 1931.
- (6) John Chester Witherspoon, born January 2, 1937.
- (4) Lawrence Baumgardner, born November 21, 1882, died April 12, 1932, married September 28, 1908 to Ruth Phillips. She was the daughter of Addis and Emma Phillips and was born September 9, 1886 and died without issue.
Lawrence Baumgardner's second wife was Effie Wike, the daughter of Howard Wike and was born December 28th, 1886 and died May 14th, 1932. Four children were born to this union:
 - (5) Pauline Baumgardner, born September 15, 1919 was married to Horace Athey June 27, 1941. One child has been born to this couple.
 - (5) Howard (Buddy) Baumgardner, born November 5, 1920.
 - (5) Loren Baumgardner, born August 28, 1922.
 - (5) Clara May Baumgardner, born March 1, 1930.
- (4) Nancy Baumgardner, born July 2, 1884, was married December 22, 1907 to George Calhoun. He was the son of Daniel E. and Sarah Calhoun and was born August 15, 1884. There were no children born to this couple.
- (4) Cecil Baumgardner, born September 1st, 1886, married Martha Gunderman November 23, 1909. She was born November 12th, 1893, the daughter of Herman and Marie Gunderman. Two children, Edward and Marceile, were born.
 - (5) Edward Baumgardner, born November 5, 1917, was married September 4, 1936 to Mary Katherine Harrah. She was born January 8, 1917, the daughter of Belfer and Elma Harrah. One child has been born to this couple:
 - (6) James Edward Baumgardner, born November 8, 1939.
 - (5) Marceile Baumgardner, born January 4, 1919, married Charles Wilson, Jr., February 28th, 1937. He is the son of Charles Wilson and was born April 23, 1914.
- (4) Earl Baumgardner, born July 26, 1888, now deceased, married Ethel Markley and four children were born: Milbourne, Lois, Mary and Justina.
- (3) Joseph Runyan Baumgardner, to whom this history is dedicated, was the fourth son of Abraham and Nancy (Runyan) Baumgardner. He was born in Clark County, Ohio, February 3, 1854, and after receiving common school education and passing the teacher's examination, began as a young man to teach school in the small country schools of the county.
December 28th, 1876, he was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Earnhart of Champaign County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Morton and Margaret F. (Murry) Earnhart and was born October 1, 1856 in Warren County, near Lebanon, Ohio, where the Earnharts of Pennsylvania, and the Murrys of Ireland settled about 1812. Joe and Ella Baumgardner, as they were known to their friends and family, went to housekeeping at Pleasant Chapel in a log house across from the Baumgardner "home place" and here all of

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their four children, Clifford, Clarence, Stella and Leona, were born. This log house was the replica of all log houses of that time and was merely an improvement of the pioneer's log cabin. It contained two rooms downstairs—the roomy kitchen, in which the members of the family spent most of their time, and the living room where “company” was entertained. A staircase replaced the early ladder which led to the second story. There the children slept and many times the parents slept in the living room where, if the family was large, a bed was always “made up.” The two girls, Leona and Stella, slept in a trundle bed which, during the day, slid out of sight under the high bed of their parents. The boys, Clifford and Clarence, slept upstairs. About 1894 the family moved from Pleasant Chapel to a small farm north of Catawba and lived there until they moved into Catawba fifteen years later.

Joe Baumgardner was a man of medium stature, with grayish blue eyes. His hair was dark, but thinned and grayed early, leaving him partially bald a large part of his adult life. For a span of 25 years he pursued the teaching vocation, and Pleasant Chapel, Nation Chapel, Vernon and Catawba schools were among those he taught.

When he was a young man, he was “converted” during a Methodist church service and took his vows so seriously that he never backslided a step. He abandoned his all too frequent use of profanity, threw away his “chewing” tobacco and became such an active and faithful follower of the church that he led prayer meetings, class meetings and choir singings continuously in the churches he attended during the rest of his life. During the several years' life of the Urbana camp meetings, before the buildings were destroyed by fire, this family nearly every year attended for the full two weeks. The campgrounds were southeast of Urbana and were among the largest in the state. There families gathered for two weeks every summer, living in one of the several hundred cottages and cooking their meals on the gasoline stoves provided. On the ground, also, was a large auditorium which seated 3,500 people and in another section was a small “tabernacle” for the children. Services were held in the morning, afternoon and evening, with the principal speakers such well-known evangelists as Billy Sunday. When the trained and talented performers of the Chataqua could be secured also, the religious meetings were interspersed with the chataqua entertainments.

The two weeks spent each summer at the campgrounds were eagerly and long awaited by the children and grown-ups alike. Money for cottage rent and for chataqua tickets had to be saved. Weeks before the camp meeting Ella Baumgardner worked to get the children outfitted, sometimes aided by a seamstress. It was a wonderful vacation, anxiously anticipated, and when the food, bedding and clothing were loaded on the wagon and the family were on their way in the horse and buggy, all the work seemed as nothing compared to the joy of being again at “camp meetin’.”

In 1908 the family moved to Catawba. During the intervening years Joe Baumgardner had been awarded the honor of a life

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certificate to teach and a few years later retired. For one term he was mayor of Catawba and also during this time continued raising "berries." During all the years he taught school he raised blackberries, raspberries and strawberries for market during the summer months between school terms and continued this avocation after his retirement from the teaching profession.

In 1915, all four children had married and Joe and Ella moved to Springfield, Ohio, where Joe continued raising strawberries. In Springfield they became active members of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church where "Uncle Joe" taught the Men's Bible Class until his death in 1927.

He devoted much of his time to writing obituaries and the long hours he spent writing and rewriting them is a vivid memory to his children. During the period when obituaries were a "necessity" he worried almost to the point of illness about whether the wording and substance of his obituaries would please the relatives of the deceased.

When his children were grown and his retirement imminent, he took into his home two of the children of his elder son whose wife had died in childbirth. Everett was two years old but Helen, the baby, was only two weeks old. Joe and Ella reared these children as carefully and as patiently as they had their own four. And not too much praise can be given them for the love they lavished on these two babies at a time in their lives when most couples, with their own brood grown to adulthood, are retiring from strenuous activity.

On the day of his death, August 3, 1927, Joe Baumgardner had attended the Nation Chapel Homecoming and had been one of the speakers. He had just concluded his talk in which he said, in substance, that he liked to live among his friends, he liked to be with his friends and he hoped to die among his friends. A few minutes after he had returned to his chair he died—a victim of apoplexy. He had been in ill health but his death was unexpected.

Joseph Runyan Baumgardner was not a man of affluence and wealth but he served his community well as a teacher of school and church classes. He loved his family and his friends and inherited in many way the traits of his father, Abraham, who was for many years the "local preacher" of the Catawba Methodist community. He was stern in his religious beliefs, faithful to his Bible, wealthy in sympathy and understanding. There were always pennies in his pockets for the succession of grandchildren on his knee and a never-ending supply of stories to entertain.

Joseph Runyan Baumgardner is buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio, and beside him lies his wife, Mary Ellen, who died suddenly March 22nd, 1940, which that year was Good Friday. Their children were: Sylvan Clifford, Clarence, Anna Estella and Leona, all born in Clark County, Ohio:

- (4) Sylvan Clifford Baumgardner, born April 6, 1878, died December 14, 1919 (buried in the New York Bay Cemetery in New Jersey) was married twice. His first wife was Emma Shofstall, daughter of Seth and Elizabeth (Nicols) Shofstall of Champaign Co., Ohio, whom he married May 12th, 1898. She was born February 6, 1879 and died September 24, 1902 follow-

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ing the birth of her third child. Gladys, Everett and Helen Baumgardner were born to this union.

(5) Gladys Marie Baumgardner, born September 5, 1898, died September 2, 1921 (buried at Oakdale Cemetery, Urbana, Ohio) was married December 22, 1916 to Frank Ray Hurst. He was born October 25, 1890, the son of Philander and Lucy (Bostwick) Hurst. There were no children born to this union.

(5) Everett Lamont Baumgardner, born August 5, 1900, was married to Aleene McDowell in 1922 and was divorced from her in 1924. There were no children born to this union.

He married Marguerite Morningstar November 18, 1930. She was born August 23rd, 1906, the daughter of Willis and Alma (Berry) Morningstar. They have one son:

(6) Gene Barry Baumgardner, born November 10, 1932.

(5) Helen Fern Baumgardner, born September 7, 1902, in Clark County, Ohio, was married in Springfield, Ohio, August 31, 1927 to Kenneth Hart Turner. He was born April 1, 1905 and was the son of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Everett) Turner of Atlanta, Georgia. This couple resides in Atlanta, Georgia and have one son.

(6) Kenneth Everett Turner, born January 28, 1932.

After the death of Emma (Shofstall) Baumgardner, Gladys was reared by her maternal grandparents at Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, and the two youngest children were reared by their Baumgardner grandparents at Catawba and Springfield, Ohio. Clifford Baumgardner went to Jersey City, New Jersey, where on September 1st, 1907 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Madeline Walsh of that city. She was born February 7, 1882, the daughter of Thomas Joseph Walsh and Ellen (Crowell) Walsh. Thomas Walsh was born in England. To this union were born six children.

(5) Madeline Loretta Baumgardner, born August 22, 1908, was married June 8, 1929 to Charles Alexander (Bud) Jensen. He was born January 15, 1906, the son of Alexander and Ellen (Bowles) Jensen. They reside in Jersey City.

(5) Joseph Thomas Baumgardner, born April 13, 1910 is now serving in the Field Artillery of the Army of the United States in a Tank Destroyer Battalion and is now in training at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

(5) Elizabeth Margaret Baumgardner (known as Betty) was born June 18, 1912. She was married January 17, 1942 to Frederick George Eckhurd. He was the son of George and Anna (Martin) Eckurd and was born November 10, 1910. Mr. Eckurd enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now serving overseas. They have one child, a son, born after his father had been shipped overseas.

(6) Frederick George Eckurd, Jr., born April 20, 1943.

(5) Dorothy Mae Baumgardner, born April 26, 1914, was married September 3, 1935 to Joseph Rowe. He was born July 2, 1913 and is the son of Joseph Bonaventure and

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- Sarah (Maharg) Rowe. Two children have been born to this couple who also live in Jersey City, N. J.
- (6) Carol Ann Rowe, born May 20, 1936.
 - (6) Harry William Rowe, born January 19, 1938.
- (5) Sylvan Clifford Baumgardner, Jr., born September 24, 1915, was married June 20, 1942 to Rita Mallon, daughter of John A. Mallon and Catherine Anne (Smyth) Mallon. She was born January 16, 1919. Cliff Baumgardner has earned his commission as a lieutenant in the armored division of the U. S. Army. They have one child:
- (6) Sylvan Clifford Baumgardner, Jr., born April 12, 1943.
- (5) Eileen Baumgardner, infant, born October 31, 1918; died April 22, 1921.
- (4) Clarence Curl Baumgardner, born October 26, 1881, married May 10th, 1905 to Florence A. Hales. She was the daughter of Charles and Ella (Harper) Hales and was born January 18, 1886 and died January 10, 1935. Four children were born to this couple, who resided in Springfield, Ohio.
- (5) Infant, Richard Baumgardner, born March 27, 1906, died August 25, 1906.
 - (5) Ella Ruth Baumgardner, born January 27, 1908, married April 27, 1927 to Paul Lamar Clark. He was born December 27, 1906, the son of Robert and Myrtle (Asper) Clark. Three children have been born:
 - (6) Clarence La Mar Clark, born October 28, 1927.
 - (6) Caroline Mae Clark, born September 9, 1932.
 - (6) Ellen Louise Clark, born February 12, 1938.
 - (5) Charles Baumgardner, born June 4, 1910, married Velma Rowe March 31st, 1934 from whom he was later divorced. One child was born to this union:
 - (6) Marcella Jean Baumgardner, born November 23, 1934. Charles Baumgardner was married December 30, 1939 to Barbara Ellen Curry, daughter of John and Edith (Wiloughby) Curry. She was born June 15, 1915.
 - (5) Mildred Jeanette Baumgardner, born February 10, 1913, married Herbert McGowan December 25, 1930. He was born July 13, 1905, the son of Warren William and Olive (Emory) McGowan.
- (4) Anna Estella Baumgardner, born February 24, 1884, was married May 27, 1903 to Forrest H. Mahar. He was born November 15, 1880, the son of Martin and Caroline (Yeazel) Mahar of Catawba, Ohio. They reside in Springfield, Ohio. Five children were born to this couple:
- (5) Joseph Martin Mahar, born November 18, 1906, was killed by a train May 23, 1927. He is buried at Asbury Chapel, near Catawba, Ohio. At the time of his death he was completing his sophomore year at the Medical College of Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio.
 - (5) Willadean Mahar, born August 31, 1909; died December 22nd, 1914 and is also buried at Asbury.
 - (5) Roger Lee Mahar, born February 3, 1913, was married November 19, 1940 to Mary Marty. She is the daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Senn) Marty and was born De-

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ember 15, 1916. They live in Springfield, Ohio and have one daughter.

(6) Shirley Kay Mahar, born July 14, 1941.

(5) Paul Mahar, born January 17, 1917, is now serving in the U. S. Army with the Infantry in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands.

(5) Mary Lue Mahar, born January 1st, 1922.

(4) Leona Baumgardner, born December 7, 1886, married November 24th, 1909 in Catawba, Ohio to Fred Vance Beatty. He was the son of William C. and Alverna (Madden) Beatty of Champaign County and was born August 19th, 1884 and died July 1st, 1943. He is buried in Grandview Cemetery, Urbana, Ohio. This couple resided in Urbana where Mr. Beatty was a painter and decorator by trade. Five children were born:

(5) Infant son, born and died in October, 1912.

author (5) Winnifred Beatty, born November 1st, 1913, was married September 24, 1937 to George B. McCrery from whom she was divorced in 1942.

She now resides in Rochester, New York.

(5) Eugene Madden Beatty, born October 11, 1915, was married June 11, 1939 to Mabel Ellen Growden. She is the daughter of William Glenn and Icy B. (Gregg) Growden of Urbana, Ohio, and was born September 2, 1917. Two sons have been born:

(6) William Eugene Beatty, born April 29, 1941.

(6) James Frederick Beatty, born August 8, 1942.

(5) Margaret Leah Beatty, born December 24, 1917 was married July 6, 1941 to Floyd Max Brandeberry. He is the son of Floyd B. and Jessie (Grimes) Brandeberry, of Urbana, Ohio, and was born April 2, 1920. Until Max's induction in the Army, this couple resided in Marysville, Ohio. At present Max is in training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with the rating of Staff Sergeant in the Field Artillery.

(6) Sue Ellen Brandeberry, born June 13, 1942.

(5) Robert Baumgardner Beatty, born May 18, 1921, was married in Kentucky, December 31, 1940 to Wilma Irene Griffin of Piqua, Ohio. She was born July 8, 1921 and is the daughter of Floyd C. and Laura A. (Yunker) Griffin. They have one daughter.

(6) Constance Virginia Beatty, born March 13, 1943.

(3) Arabelle Baumgardner, fifth child and eldest daughter of Abraham and Nancy Baumgardner, was born October 7, 1855 and died September 19th, 1917. October 25th, 1877 she was married to Luther Stipps. He was born December 21st, 1851, the son of Abram and Catherine (Ropp) Stipps and died February 3, 1933. Both are buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Although there were no children born to this couple, they reared one nephew, Earl Baumgardner and were favorites of all their other nieces and nephews.

(3) Mary Etta Baumgardner, sixth child of Abraham and Nancy Baumgardner, was born March 28th, 1859 and died in May, 1942. December 23rd, 1880 she was married to Frances Marion West, the son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Prugh) West. He was born January 1st,

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1853 and died February 3, 1920. This couple resided in Springfield and reared a family of five children.

(4) Foster Vance West, born February 12, 1882, married Flo McMurray December 24th, 1905. She was born June 26, 1880 and was the daughter of Alexander B. and Mary (Houser) McMurray. One child was born.

(5) Herbert Nelson West, born October 15, 1906, is now at Officer's Candidate School at Fargo, North Dakota.

(4) Loral Aquila West, born September 11, 1884, was married May 30, 1905 to Mary Powell. She was born October 10, 1885, the daughter of Edward and Jennie (Forsythe) Powell. One son was born.

(5) Edward Francis West, born December 14, 1913, was married April 19, 1941 to Mary Ann Catherine Janusk-wich. She was born October 1, 1913, the daughter of Adam and Ann (Lalko) Janusk-wich. Edward West is serving in the U. S. Army and is in training at Seattle, Washington. One child was born to this couple October 29th, 1942.

(4) Clara Esther West, born December 1, 1886, was married January 16, 1907 to Jonathan Markley. He was born May 6, 1885, the son of William and Catherine Markley. This couple resides in Springfield. One son was born.

(5) William West Markley, born May 17, 1912, was married February 23, 1940 to Viola Vera Blasko. She was born April 29, 1914 and is the daughter of Louis and Lidvina Blasko of Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Markley resided in Cleveland, Ohio prior to the war. At the outbreak of of war Dr. Markley, who is a surgeon, volunteered for service in the Medical Corps and left with the Lake Side Unit of Cleveland. This Unit is distinguished as the first to land in France in World War I. Dr. Markley is now stationed at the Ft. General Hospital in Australia.

(4) Charles Howard West, born April 28, 1890, was married June 19th, 1920 to Myra Woodward. She was born June 2, 1891. This couple resides at Salem, O., and has a family of four children.

(5) Alice Etta West, born April 30, 1921.

(5) Francis Woodward West, born December 18, 1923, is in service with the U. S. Army and now in training at Gre-ada, Mississippi.

(5) Leonora West, born July 21, 1926.

(5) Beverly West, born April 21, 1931.

(4) William West, born November 6, 1893, was married January 1st, 1917 to Hazel Rockwell. She was the daughter of Jonas Rockwell and was born May 25th, 1897, and died October 12th, 1935, following the birth of her 13th child.

(5) Esther Jane West, born December 6, 1919, was married October 15, 1938 to Bennie Williams. Two children have been born to this couple: Bennie McKinley Williams and another whose name is not known.

(5) Evelyn West, born August 15, 1920, was married in August, 1938, to Thomas Whitacre. Three children have been born to this couple.

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- (5) Charles West, born July, 1922, died in 1930.
- (5) Obert West, born October 28, 1923, has been in the United State Navy for several years and is at present stationed in Florida.
- (5) John Teddy West, born January 20, 1924.
- (5) Hazel Fern West, born September 28, 1926.
- (5) Billie West, born September 25, 1925. — *either out of order or wrong date*
- (5) Patty West, born September 20, 1928.
- (5) Nannette West, born October 24, 1930.
- (5) Bobby West, born September 12, 1931.
- (5) Sally West, born April 8, 1932.
- (5) Paul West, born November 2, 1933.
- (5) Ann West, born April 1, 1935.

January 15th, 1938, William West married Margaret Burt. She was the daughter of Ernest W. and Anna L. (Bryne) Burt and was born August 26, 1908. This family resides in Springfield, Ohio.

- (3) Clara Baumgardner, born November 12, 1861, died February 24, 1941, was united in marriage December 24th, 1883 to Thomas Castillo. He was born March 4, 1860 and was the son of James and Johanna (Foley) Castillo. Their residence was in Springfield Ohio, where Mrs. Castillo is buried. Five children were born to this couple:

- (4) Charles Almond Castillo, born December 24, 1884, married Alice Ballentine August 18, 1919. She was born February 6, 1892, the daughter of Thomas and Anna Haynie, the adopted daughter of Horace and Nannie Ballentine. They live in Springfield, Ohio, and have two sons, both unmarried and serv- in the Army Air Forces.
- (5) Richard Mack Castillo, born May 25th, 1920, was gradu- ated from Springfield High School in 1939 and is now a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Forces, serving over- seas as an aerial gunner. May, 1943, he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Air Corps medal for "valor and exceptional performance in action against the enemy" in the European war theater. Previously to this award, in April of 1943, Sergeant Castillo was given the Army air medal for action in five flights over enemy occupied territory. Later in the summer came notification that his plane had been shot down and his parents waited anxiously for further word. At last a short letter in Dick's own hand- writing reached them through the Red Cross, assuring them he was safe and being fairly well treated as a Ger- man prisoner.
- (5) Horace Thomas Castillo, born August 16, 1923 is an Army Air Corps cadet and is at present studying to be a pilot.
- (4) Clarence Castillo, born March 6, 1886, died September 5, 1941, married Elma Telge January 22, 1912. She was the daughter of William H. and Minnie (Olto) Telge and was born June 8, 1892. Three children were born to this couple, who resided in Springfield, Ohio.
- (5) Maurice Castillo, born November 14, 1913.
- (5) Clara Ellen Castillo, born September 15, 1918, was mar-

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ried August 22nd, 1937 to Rodman Ballard. He was born August 11, 1914, the son of Joseph R. and Bernice (Bostwick) Ballard.

(5) Donald Castillo, born October 20, 1919, was married in April, 1941 to Virginia Jung. She was born March 5, 1922, the daughter of Albert N. and Clara J. (Goshe) Jung. Donald Castillo is serving with the U. S. Army and at present is in Radio School at Scott Field, Illinois.

(4) William Castillo, born March 12, 1890, was married twice. His first wife was Iona Patterson, daughter of Charles Patterson, from whom he was divorced. One son was born to this union:

(5) Eugene Castillo, born August 6th, 1916, married May 29th, 1940 to Florence Loughley. She was the daughter of William C. and Ora Mae (Royal) Loughley and was born July 22, 1920. Eugene Castillo is in the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps and is now in training in Illinois.

August 19th, 1924, William Castillo married Hazel Heinlan. She was born August 10, 1892, the daughter of Lewis Franklin and Eliza (Shumaker) Heinlan.

(4) Elton Castillo, born July 3, 1895, resides in Marion, Indiana, and is unmarried.

(4) Thomas Castillo, Jr., born April 26, 1908, was married September, 1929, to Marcella Barkman. She was born March 2, 1910, the daughter of C. Leon Barkman. They reside in Springfield, Ohio, and have three children.

(5) Thomas Castillo III, born June 26, 1930.

(5) Shirley Castillo, born March 2, 1932.

(5) James Castillo, born February 10, 1935.

(3) Abraham Lincoln Baumgardner, eighth child of Abraham and Nancy Baumgardner, was born December 12, 1863, and was united in marriage to Zada Arlena Neer December 12th, 1886. She was the daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Dale) Neer and was born June 9, 1865 and died Dec. 22, 1943. Three children were born to this couple.

(4) Florence Ethel Baumgardner, born July 19, 1890, died January 5, 1905.

(4) Sarah Blanche Baumgardner, born January 21, 1893.

(4) Warren Baumgardner, born May 22, 1897, married Ruth Viola Shoemaker January 29, 1927. She is the daughter of John R. and Myrtle (McGonigal) Shoemaker and was born November 27, 1907. Two children have been born:

(5) Gerald Douglas Baumgardner, born November 6, 1927.

(5) Norma Lou Baumgardner, born May 2, 1933.

(3) Charles Baumgardner, born April 20, 1865, was the youngest child of Abraham and Nancy Baumgardner. He was united in marriage to Jessie Garrett and to this union two daughters were born. Charles Baumgardner died February 28, 1933 and his wife died February 8, 1922. Both are buried in Ferncliff Cemetery Springfield, Ohio.

(4) Ruth Baumgardner, born about 1896, died April 15, 1925.

(4) Erma Marie Baumgardner, born about 1900 was married first to Jason Baker from whom she was later divorced. Her second husband is Stanley Myers. Two children, both girls, were born to this union: Melba and Lois Myers.

MARGARET (BAUMGARDNER) CURL

MARGARET BAUMGARDNER was the seventh child of Andrew and Telitha Baumgardner. The date of her birth and death are not yet known but it is presumed she was born about 1820 in Clark County, Ohio. William Curl, to whom she was married, was born September 28, 1820, and died April 23, 1874. Both he and his wife are buried in White Heath, Illinois.

Five children were born to this couple: Rebecca Jane, Molly, Martin Luther, Milton, and James, who died in infancy.

(3) Rebecca Jane Curl, born November 24, 1844, died January 1, 1912, was united in marriage to Samuel Wingfield. Samuel Wingfield was born in 1837 and emigrated from Catawba, Ohio, to Philo, Illinois in 1868. There he bought a blacksmith shop, which remains in the possession of his descendants. Samuel Wingfield died in 1907. Five children were born to this couple: Laura, May, Martha, Otto and Edward B.

(4) Laura Wingfield married Frank C. Edwards, who is now deceased. She resides at present with one of her daughters in Champaign, Illinois. Two daughters and one son were born to Laura and Frank Edwards, all three of whom reside in Champaign.

(4) May Wingfield married Robert McCoid and now lives in California.

(4) Martha Wingfield married Leroy Orahod and resides at 69 North Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

(4) Otto Wingfield, born August 2, 1872 at Philo, Illinois, died December 30, 1940. He married Martha Anders, daughter of Elijah Anders and had one son. Otto Wingfield was a blacksmith in Philo for fifty years, following the trade his father had plyed. The original blacksmith shop is still owned by his widow and his son.

(5) Raymond Otto Wingfield, born July 28, 1919.

(4) Edward B. Wingfield, born July 30, 1866 at Centerville, Illinois, was unmarried and died May 1st, 1935.

(3) Mary Ann Curl, known as Molly, was the second child of William and Margaret (Baumgardner) Curl and was born in 1846. She was married to Frank White and to this couple were born a daughter, who died when quite small, and two sons, Harry and Frank, Jr. All of this family are now deceased except the widow of Frank White, Jr.

(3) Martin Luther Curl, born September 11, 1848, was the third child of William and Margaret Curl. Dr. Curl was a prominent minister in the Missouri Methodist Conference and was "presiding elder" prior to 1940. At that time he was editor of a church paper printed in St. Louis, the St. Louis Methodist.

He had a son who in 1904 was practicing medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter, Mattylee, also a physician then practicing in Denver, Colorado. Twin daughters were born to them also, both of whom were married. Little is known concerning the lives of this family for all trace of them has been lost.

(3) Milton Curl, infant.

(3) James Curl, infant.

CHAPTER NINE

REBECCA (BAUMGARDNER) LONGBRAKE

REBECCA BAUMGARDNER, eighth child of Andrew and Telitha (Lynch) Baumgardner, was born April 10, 1821 and died April 30, 1882. She married George Longbrake and lived near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. George Longbrake was born March 1st, 1824 and died June 30, 1894. Seven children were born to this couple as follows: Telitha, Andrew, John Wesley, William Curl, Clinton, Mary Emma and Luella.

(3) Telitha Longbrake, born December 29th, 1847, died July 15, 1881, was married to John Marion Curl February 16, 1871 in Champaign County, Ohio. He was born April 27, 1852 and died September 23, 1897. Three children were born to this couple: Charles; Ameda, who married E. F. McClintock; George, who married Elizabeth McClenan. Nothing further is known concerning this family.

(3) Andrew Longbrake, born January 31, 1850, died May 23, 1917, married January 1st, 1885 to Mary Elizabeth McGee. She was the daughter of Miles F. and Elizabeth (Smoot) McGee, pioneer residents of Champaign County, Illinois. She was born January 22nd, 1860 and died September 11th, 1941 at Mt. Caramel, Illinois. Both Andrew Longbrake and his wife are buried at Locust Grove Cemetery at Philo, Illinois.

It was about the year 1882 when Andrew Longbrake went from Ohio to Illinois and settled near Philo, where, in a few years he married. For several years he was a farmer and later moved into Philo, where he was a grocery salesman for a few years. He later lived in Albion and West Salem, Illinois, dying in the latter locality in 1917. Mary Elizabeth McGee, whom he married in 1885, was a graduate of the Illinois State Teacher's College, Normal, Illinois, and taught in the schools of Champaign County, Illinois and in Kinsley, Kansas. Her father, Giles F. McGee, was the first man to turn the soil in Philo Township, build the first house and hold the first school in one of his bedrooms. His eldest son, William, was the first white child born in Philo Township.

Four children were born to Andrew and Mary Elizabeth Longbrake: Bernice, Charles Howard, Roy and Olive. Of these four, two died in infancy.

(4) Bernice Longbrake, born in December, 1886, died when only four months of age.

(4) Charles Howard Longbrake, born July 8, 1888, married Helen Davis. She was born September 6, 1891, the daughter of Annie (Runyon) Davis. They have two children, Marie and Albert.

(5) Marie Longbrake, born September 1, 1909, married Stephan A. Carrig and resides in Terre Haute, Indiana. They have one daughter, La Donna Jean Carrig.

(5) Albert Longbrake, born March 9th, 1915, is married and resides in Evansville, Indiana, where he is a professor in Industrial Arts in the university there. They have no children.

(4) Roy Longbrake, born in 1889, died in infancy.

(4) Olive Longbrake, born February 28, 1892, married Gilbert Harris March 1st, 1912. He was born August 14, 1892, the son of Charlotte Butcher and Joseph Harris. This couple resides at Mt. Caramel, Illinois and have one daughter, Gilberta.

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- (5) Gilberta Harris, born August 14, 1916, married Donald E. Douglas. He is the son of Oliver N. and Mattie Belle (Long) Douglas and was born June 4, 1918. They have one son, born January 23, 1943.
- (3) John Wesley Longbrake, third child of George and Rebecca (Baumgardner) Longbrake, was born February 27, 1852 and died May 3, 1910. He was married twice. His first wife was Joan Conway, who was born January 18, 1854 and died August 12, 1887. One daughter was born to this union, Grace, who died at the age of nineteen. About 1900 he married Carrie Robinson of Marysville, Ohio. There were no children born to this union.
- (3) William Curl Longbrake, born July 16, 1854, died March 31, 1918. He married Emma Gertrude McClenen November 27th, 1879, who was born April 8, 1856 and died September 2, 1901. Four children were born to this couple: Ethel Bernice, Ada Florence, Walter Herbert and Dollie.
- (4) Ethel Bernice Longbrake is married to Evan Owen Sellers and resides in Dayton, Ohio. They have no children.
- (4) Ada Florence Longbrake is now teaching school in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
- (4) Walter Herbert Longbrake, born August 20, 1889, died May 16, 1904 at fourteen years of age.
- (4) Dollie Longbrake, now engaged in the insurance business at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.
- (3) Clinton Longbrake, born December 27, 1856, died April 23, 1877 at twenty years of age. He was unmarried.
- (3) Mary Emma Longbrake, born May 17, 1859, died April 4, 1899, was married October 31st, 1895 in Champaign County, Ohio to William H. Clymer. One child, Helen, was born to this couple.
- (4) Helen Clymer, married to Edgar Erwin.
- (3) Luella Longbrake, youngest child of George and Rebecca (Baumgardner) Longbrake, was born July 10, 1864 and died December 28, 1931. She was married in Champaign County, Ohio, November 18th, 1880 to John E. Brown. He was born January 9, 1854, the son of Henry and Olive (Patrick) Brown, and died in 1928. Two children were born to this couple: Olive E. Brown, who married a Mr. Beard, and Russell Vivian Brown.

CHAPTER TEN

GEORGE R. BAUMGARDNER

GEORGE R. BAUMGARDNER was the fifth son but ninth and youngest child of Andrew and Telitha Lynch Baumgardner and was born in Clark County, Ohio, March 6th, 1824. At the time of his father's death in 1825, George was only eighteen months old.

It is believed that George Baumgardner married a Nancy Evans and lived in or near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. One daughter, Sarah, was born to this union and she may have married a Mr. Shepp. No further information concerning this daughter is available at this time.

George Baumgardner died February 25th, 1853, just nine days before his 29th birthday and is buried at Asbury Cemetery, Catawba, Ohio. Since his wife is not buried beside him, it is presumed that she remarried after his early death.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

ANCESTRY OF TELITHA (LYNCH) BAUMGARDNER

THERE was a Peter Lynch, born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1751, who came to America about 1774-75. His father, Peter Lynch, was a well-to-do man, a weaver and wheelwright by trade. The son, Peter, lived at home and worked with his father until nineteen years of age, at which time he became attached to a young neighbor girl and wanted to marry her. The father was strongly opposed to the marriage and forbade the son to even speak to the young woman again. This, of course, made Peter angry. He told the girl that he would go to America and would arrange to send for her just as soon as possible. He did not go to his home for clothing or money, but took passage on a ship which was sailing for America. He worked his way to New York and from there to the Shenandoah Valley in old Virginia. He immediately found employment with a Mr. Saffron and because of his honesty and keen sightedness was soon made overseer of the Saffron plantation. He corresponded with his sweetheart in Ireland but she positively refused to come to America. In 1776 he married Hester Saffron, a daughter of his employer.

Ten children were born to Peter and Hester (Saffron) Lynch—Abigail, Mary, Sophia, Telitha, Isaac, John, Susannah, Hiram, Peter and Rebecca.

1. Abigail Lynch, born November 5, 1776, married Henry Runyan in 1796. They moved to Ohio in 1802 and settled within two miles of Butlerville, Ohio. In time they acquired a large tract of land. They reared a family of ten children:

1. Mary Runyan, born June 15, 1799.
2. William Lynch Runyan, born November 28, 1801.
3. Peter Lynch Runyan, born November 28, 1801, married Hannah Crosson October 7, 1824. Issue.
(William and Peter were twins.)
4. James Runyan, born December 28, 1803.
5. Hester Runyan, born August 28, 1805.
6. Abram Runyan, born in 1807.
7. Elias Runyan, born April 14, 1809.
8. Telitha Runyan, born August, 1811.
9. Hiram Runyan, born August, 1815.
10. Jane Runyan, born August, 1817.

2. Mary Lynch, born April 2, 1778.

3. Sophia Lynch, born February 1, 1781, died October 16, 1855, married in 1801 to Abraham Runyan. Abraham Runyan was born July 14, 1783, and died November 15, 1836, the son of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan. The date of his marriage to Sophia Lynch was April 12, 1801. Issue.

4. Telitha Lynch, born February 24, 1784, died January 19, 1875, married February 17th, 1801 at seventeen years of age to Andrew Baumgardner. He was born August 6, 1777 and died September 4, 1825. Both are buried at Asbury Chapel, Clark County, Ohio. Nine children

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were born to this union. These descendants are given in the foregoing pages.

5. Isaac Lynch, born October 2, 1786.

6. Susannah Lynch, born May 23, 1789, died March 21, 1864, married in 1810 to George Runyan, son of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan and brother of Abraham Runyan who married Sophia Lynch. George Runyan was born August 21, 1791 and died March 23, 1855. Both he and his wife are buried at Asbury Cemetery, Catawba, Ohio. Issue.

7. Hiram Lynch, born January 10, 1792.

8. John Lynch, born January 12, 1794.

9. Peter Lynch, born January 12, 1797.

10. Rebecca Lynch, born March 2, 1800; died June 9, 1829.

In 1779 Peter Lynch moved with his family consisting of his wife and two children, Abigail and Mary, to West Virginia and settled on Buffalo Creek near where his brother, Isaac Lynch, lived. He there followed the trade of weaving and wheelwright for several years. While he was living on Buffalo Creek, his home was attacked by Indians a number of times and on one occasion when he was away, they drove his family out and burned the house.

The following record from the War Department, The Adjutant-General's Office, December 10th, 1925, shows that Peter Lynch served in the Colonial army at the time of the American Revolution:

"The records show that one Peter Lynch (surname also spelled Linch) served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain James Mason's Company 15th Virginia Regiment, also designed 11th and 15th Virginia Regiment, 11th Virginia Regiment, and 5th and 11th Virginia Regiment, commanded at various times by Colonel David Mason, Lieutenant Colonel James Innes, Major Gustavus B. Wallace, Lieutenant Colonel Cropper, Colonel Daniel Morgan, Colonel Abraham Bufors and Colonel William Russell. He enlisted December 10th, 1776 for three years; was transferred in June, 1778 to Captain John Gregory's Company same regiment; was transferred in May, 1779 to Major John Webb's Company, same regiment, and his name last appeared on the company muster roll for November, 1779, dated December 9, 1779.

(Signed) Robert G. Davis,
Major-General
The Adjutant-General"

Peter Lynch died in 1825 and is buried at Clarksburg, West Virginia. The date Hester Lynch died is not known but it is presumed that she also is buried at Clarksburg.

In the government census of 1800 is recorded the fact that Charles Lynch was the head of a family of 4 persons in Hampshire County, Virginia, in 1784. What relation he was to Peter and Isaac Lynch is not yet known.

CHAPTER TWELVE

ANCESTRY OF NANCY (RUNYAN) BAUMGARDNER THE RUNYAN LINE

FROM France multitudes of protestants, called Huguenots, sought a refuge in America for permanent homes. It is a reliable tradition that the founder of the (Runyan-Runyon) Rognon family in America escaped from these cruel persecutions in his native place to the Isle of Jersey, off the coast of France and from there took ship to this country.

The first reference to his name on this side of the waters is seen A.D. 1668 in a marriage license given by Phillip Carteret, the young governor of New Jersey at Trenton and reads as follows:

“To any of the Justices of the Peace or Ministers of the Province of New Jersey:—Whereas, I have received information of a mutual agreement between Vincent Rognion of Portiers in France, and Ann Boutcher, daughter of John Boutcher of Hartford, in England, to solemnize marriage together for which they here requested by license, and there appearing no lawful impediment for the obstruction thereof these are to require you or eyther of you, to joyne the said Vincent Rognion and Ann Boutcher in matrimony and then to pronounce man and wife, and to make record thereof according to the laws in that behalf provided, for the doing whereof this shall be to you or eyther of you a sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal of the Province, the 28th day of June, 1668 and the 20th year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord, Charles the Second, of England and Ireland, King Defender of the faith &C.

(Signed) Ph. Carteret

“This couple were joyned in matrimony by me the 17th of July 1668.

(Signed) James Bolton.”

Ann Martha Boutcher, daughter of John Boutcher of Hertfordshire, England, in all probability was of Huguenot origin from a French family of Boucher that settled in England. She was born about 1650. The date of her death is not known but supposed to be around 1723-25. The name Boutcher or Bouchoree, its original form, and the old French form “Burkhart” means strong castle.

Vincent Rognion, born in 1645 and died November, 1713, is buried with his wife in the First Baptist cemetery at Piscataway, New Jersey, but their graves are not marked.

Ann Boutcher, the newly wedded wife of Vincent Rognion may have been a descendant of the same family as Joan Boutcher of Kent, a lady of distinction and piety, who was a Baptist and was burned at the stake May 2, 1550 within sight of the Canterbury Cathedral.

The next public notice of Vincent Rognion's name is found as owner of a piece of ground at Elizabethtown which he bought March 20, 1671-2. He was probably induced to make his first settlement at that place because of the national affinity of the early settlers. The Governor, himself, was of Norman French ancestry and the Surveyor General, Robert Vanquellin, came from Caen, in France. The Secretary of the Province, James Bolton, was also of French extraction. Besides, there emigrated with Governor Carteret a number of French men and women.

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Vincent Rongnion did not remain long among that settlement, for the stern Puritan element predominated and rendered his relation unpleasant. Disposing of his town property as soon as possible, the next notice of him was in the Baptist community, at Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Here on the Raritan River in the Spring of 1677, he purchased a farm of 154½ acres and from the homestead established there went out many children to become founders of other large and influential lines of the Rongnion family.

Eight children were born to Vincent and Ann Rongnion as follows:

1. John Runyan, born in 1669, who married Ann Elizabeth Dun. Issue.
2. Vincent Runyan, Jr., born in 1671, married Mary Hull, daughter of Hopewell Hull, December 2, 1691. Issue.
3. Ann Runyan, born in 1673, married Nathaniel Leonard, son of Henry Leonard of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Issue.
4. Thomas Runyan, born in 1675, who married Martha Dunn, sister of Ann Elizabeth Dunn, about 1698 and lived near Hopewell, New Jersey, where he died April, 1753.

Martha Dunn, who was born July 13, 1681, was the daughter of Hugh Dun who came from Dover, New Hampshire, where he was a land holder as early as 1663, to the banks of the Raritan in New Jersey, in 1666-70. Her mother, Elizabeth Dun, was the daughter of Francis and Mary Drake of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and her mother's brother, the Rev. John Drake, an eminent Baptist divine of his day, claimed descent from Sir Francis Drake. However, according to other authorities, Sir Francis Drake married twice but had no children, so left the bulk of his estate to his youngest and only surviving brother, Thomas. Perhaps Mary and John Drake did not mean "descent" but "relationship."

5. Mary Runyon, born July 2, 1677. No other data.
6. Peter Runyan, born July 1, 1680, married Providence Blackford, daughter of Samuel Blackford, Oct. 12, 1704. They lived at Piscataway, New Jersey, where he died Oct., 1753. Issue.
7. Jane Runyan, born January 19, 1683. No other data.
8. Sarah Runyan, born October 13, 1686, married Richard Sutton January 25, 1702 (son of William Sutton). He was born July 18, 1676, died in 1732. His widow in 1736 married James Campbell.

All lines of this prolific family cannot be followed here, so only the one descendant of each generation who is the direct forbear of Nancy Runyan will be considered.

(2) Thomas Runyan, fourth son of Vincent and Ann (Boutcher) Rongnion, was born in 1675 and, as stated above, married Martha Dunn in 1698 and lived near Hopewell, N. J., where he died April, 1753. The following appears in the New Jersey Archives, Vol. XXI, pp. 517-518.

"March 18, 1699; grant from West Jersey Society to Ralph Hunt . . . John Runion, Thomas Runion . . . and others all of Maidenhead, Burlington County, for 100 acres of the society's 15,000 acres above the fall of the Delaware to be used for a meeting-house; burying ground and school-house."

Seven children were born to this couple, five boys and two girls: Vincent, Thomas, JOSEPH, Martha, Ephraim, Aaron and another whose name is not known.

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Vincent, who married Mercy Smith; Thomas, Jr., who married Winifred Axford; Joseph; Martha, who married Hezekiah Bonham; Ephraim, who married Cornelious Anderson; and Aaron, who married and lived in Sussex County, New Jersey.

- (3) Joseph Runyan, born about 1704, 3rd son of Thomas and Martha (Dunn) Runyan, appears to have emigrated to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, probably around Harrisonburg, Virginia. Some genealogists think he came down from Pennsylvania direct to Harrison County. Who and where he married is not known but it is thought it was in New Jersey. In the Census of 1785 are listed the following who may have been the children of Joseph Runyan:

Henry Runyan, Elijah Runyan, William Runyan and JOHN Runyan.

In one family record (tradition) they mention a Henry Runyan who married in Harrison County, West Virginia, in 1797, Abigail Lynch, daughter of Peter Lynch. They moved to Ohio and settled within two miles of Butlerville, Ohio. They raised a family of ten children.

Henry Runyan had a brother, William, who also moved to Ohio in 1802 and settled on First Creek, near Butlerville.

These four sons at least moved westward to Harrison County, West Virginia, where they are shown in the census of 1784-5. John Runyan was frequently mentioned in the early Harrison County history, for there he lived and died near Clarksburg, West Virginia in December 7, 1807. The cemetery is now abandoned at the edge of town.

In the first census of Harrison County, which was in 1784, John Runyan is listed with a family of seven. He was a constable. William Runyan and Elijah Runyan are listed also. These three Runyans lived either on Elk Creek or on West Milford. At the same time Henry Runyan is listed as living in the Buckhanon settlement.

- (4) John Runyan, son of Joseph Runyan, was born about 1740-7 either in New Jersey or in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, perhaps the former, and then moved to Harrison County, West Virginia, where he died near Clarksburg December 7, 1807. He was married to Susannah Kuster, who was born April 25, 1748 and died September 12, 1823 in Pleasant Township, Clark County, Ohio. She was the first woman to be buried in the Asbury M. E. Chapel cemetery, eleven miles east of Springfield, Ohio. There was an old epitaph upon the tombstone, but is now obliterated from ravages of the weather. This stone had to be reset, and the epitaph part is broken off. This grave is located near the road on the west side of the cemetery and the epitaph read:

“My living friends as you pass by
On my tombstone cast your eye.
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me.”

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John Runyan is listed as a constable with a family of seven in the 1784 census of Harrison County, West Virginia and from 1784 to 1797 he is listed also. He is in the tithable list in 1807 also. The lists for 1808 are missing and in 1809 Susannah Runyan, widow, is listed. In the 1810 census Susannah Runyan is listed with a family of four including herself.

In "Withers Chronicles of Border Warfare" edited and annotated by Reuben Gold Thwaites, on page 419, this story is told:

"On the 24 of July 1794, six Indians visited the West Fork River at the mouth of Freeman's Creek, met with, and made prisoner, a daughter of John Runyan. She was taken off by two of the party of savages, but did not go more than ten or twelve miles before she was put to death."

Her name was Ruby, a girl about 12 years of age. She had gone to the spring to get water. A posse followed the Indians, and at night-fall, they could hear her screaming and crying, but did not rescue her. Her brother, John, vowed afterwards, he would kill any Indians he saw, but the Indians in a trickery stole the cow bell off a cow, and by ringing this bell in the woods nearby, caught John, Jr. in the dense woods. Although he put up a brave fight they found him dead and scalped. His gun, which he had used in the fight, showed many dents on the butt.

Susannah Runyan, widow of John Runyan, came to Ohio in 1809, locating in Warren County, to join with her sons, Abraham, George and Joseph near Todd's Forks. They came earlier in 1802 and 1809.

Eight children were born to John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan:

John and Ruby, both of whom were killed in 1794 by Indians; Abraham Runyan, born July 14, 1783, died November 15, 1836, married Sophie Lynch April 12, 1801. Abraham Runyan served as a private in the War of 1812, enlisting in Champaign (now Clark) County, Ohio. Nine children were born to this couple.

George Runyan, born August 21, 1791, died March 23, 1855; married Susannah Lynch in 1810. She was born May 5, 1789 and died March 21, 1864.

JOSEPH Runyan, who married Elizabeth Curl.

John Runyan, who married Catherine Richards.

William Runyan, who married Elizabeth Chieron.

Anne Runyan, who married John Wolf.

Sophie Lynch, who married Abraham Runyan, and Susannah Lynch, who married George Runyan, were both daughters of Peter Lynch of Virginia and sisters of Telitha Lynch who married Andrew Baumgardner.

(5) Joseph Runyan, fourth child of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan, was born March 3, 1786 and when 23 years of age came to Ohio. November 10, 1806 he was married in Warren County, Ohio to Elizabeth Curl, the daughter of William and Sarah (Brown) Curl. Sarah

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Brown and Mary Ball, Geo. Washington's mother, were cousins. Joseph Runyan brought his family to Clark Co. in 1811 and settled at Asbury. Near their farm was a long Indian trail leading northeast from Asbury Chapel. Joseph Runyan served in the War of 1812 as Corporal in John R. Leman's Company, Ohio Militia. He enlisted in Champaign (now Clark) County and was in the service of the United States from November 12 to December 12. According to the records of the War Department he was discharged at Zanes Blockhouse. It is interesting to note that he and his brother, Abraham, served in the Militia at the same time and for the same period of time.

Joseph Runyan died suddenly August 3, 1854 on his way home from a visit with his son, George. It is said he was found in the position of prayer, dead, near his home, and beside him his faithful dog keeping watch. Both he and his wife are buried at Asbury Chapel.

Elizabeth Curl Runyan was born May 26, 1783 and died March 8, 1872.

Ten children were born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Curl) Runyan as follows:

(6) George Runyan, born May 15, 1808 in Warren County, married Catherine Jones in Clark County in 1852. Catherine Jones was the daughter of George and Eva Ann Jones who, like Joseph Runyan, was one of the first pioneers to form a settlement around Asbury Chapel. Catherine Jones was born September 2, 1806 and died May 8, 1891. George Runyan died January 17, 1890 and both he and his wife are buried at Asbury. Eight children were born to this couple:

Ann, who married Michael Wiet; Elizabeth, who married John Harris Page; Eli, who married Jane Wilkinson; Josiah, who married Elizabeth Hendricks; Thomas, who married Phoebe Ann Demory; Lucinda, who did not marry; George, who died in 1862 from accidental burns; and John Wesley Runyan, who married Frances Margaret Ropp.

(6) William Runyan, who went west.

(6) Thomas Runyan, born September 7, 1816; died February 10, 1892; married Susan Ferguson.

(6) Eli Runyan, born December 5, 1822; died April 23, 1902; married Ebby Ropp.

(6) Rachel Runyan, who married Jacob Ropp.

(6) Isaac Runyan, who married Rebecca Dawson.

(6) Elizabeth Runyan, who married William Waltman.

(6) NANCY Runyan, who married Abraham Baumgardner and whose descendants are listed in Chapter 7.

(6) Sarah Runyan, who married Jacob Ellsworth, son of Jacob Ellsworth, a Revolutionary soldier and Rachel (Bebie) Ellsworth.

(6) Mary Runyan, who married Isaac Lafferty.

ANCESTRY OF NANCY (RUNYAN) BAUMGARDNER THE BROWN LINE

THOMAS BROWN was born in Cardiganshire, Wales, May 27, 1730, and died near Bethel, Clermont County, Ohio. He and his wife are buried one and one-half miles north of Bethel, Ohio. Thomas Brown served three years in the Revolutionary War in Captain Waggener's Company Eight, Virginia Regiment from March 1st, 1777 to May, 1780. He received a land warrant for 100 acres from Virginia April 21st, 1784, which record is found in the official records of Virginia, Benjamin Harrison, Governor.

Thomas Brown and his son, George, were also in a company in Hardy County, Virginia, in September, 1781, and marched to Yorktown, Virginia, and were present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, October 19, 1781. George Brown was made a Sergeant for gallant services and on the field of Yorktown was called to Washington's Headquarters, and there questioned by General Washington as to his family. The fact was established that he was a cousin of George Washington, who presented him a leather pocket book as a memento of the occasion.

Thomas Brown emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1746 and in 1754 married Mary Ball. She was the daughter of William and Mary Ball. After his marriage to Mary Ball, Thomas Brown moved to Hardy County, Virginia, in 1754 and to Clermont County, Ohio in 1800 where he died September 27th, 1818. His wife died in 1816.

Eleven children were born to Thomas and Mary (Ball) Brown—Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Daniel, Rachel, George, William, Joseph, Rebecca, John and Annie.

No information is available concerning any of this family except Sarah Brown. She was born in February, 1758 and died in 1828. She married William Curl and had eleven children, Mary, Jeremiah, Rachel, Elizabeth, Thomas, Nancy, Sarah, William, Charity, Isaac and John.

Elizabeth Curl, who was born May 26, 1783 and died March 8, 1872 was married November 10th, 1806 to Joseph Runyan, son of John and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan. He was born March 3, 1786 and died August 3, 1854. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Curl) Runyan were born ten children:

1. George Runyan, born May 15, 1808, married Catherine Jones in 1825. Issue.
2. William Runyan went west.
3. Thomas Runyan, born September 7, 1816; died February 10, 1892, married Susan Ferguson.
4. Eli Runyan, born December 5, 1822; died April 23, 1902, married Ebby Ropp.
5. Rachel Runyan, married Jacob Ropp.
6. Isaac Runyan, married Rebecca Dawson.
7. Elizabeth Runyan, married William Waltman.
8. NANCY Runyan, born January 31, 1826; died March 8, 1909; married Abraham Baumgardner February 18, 1845. He was the son of Andrew and Telitha (Lynch) Baumgardner and was born June 15, 1816 and died July 28, 1886. Their descendants are given elsewhere in this book.
9. Sarah Runyan, married Jacob Ellsworth.
10. Mary Runyan, married Isaac Lafferty.

ANCESTRY OF NANCY (RUNYAN) BAUMGARDNER THE CURL LINE

WILLIAM CURL was born in Virginia in 1754 and in 1776 was united in marriage to Sarah Brown, daughter of Thomas Brown and Mary (Ball) Brown. Sarah Brown was born in 1758 and was a cousin of George Washington, later first president of the United States.

William Curl enlisted in Captain James Parson's Company of the Virginia Militia as private and frontiersman and was in Clark's Expedition. He died January 19, 1841, and his wife died in 1826. Both are buried near DeGraff, Logan County, Ohio, in the Mount Olive Cemetery

Eleven children were born to this union as follows:

- (2) Mary Curl, born October 30, 1776 and died September 22, 1828, was married October 7, 1794 to Abraham Yeazell and to this couple were born fourteen children, ten of whom were sons. The eldest of the sons was George Yeazell, born February 14, 1799 (died in 1894), who in 1827 married Elizabeth Jones. She was born in 1805 and died in 1886. They had nine children, all of whom grew to maturity and married.
- (3) George Yeazell, the eldest child, born in 1827 and died in 1894. He married Nancy Ann Wilkinson in 1846. She was the daughter of Joseph Wilkinson and Hannah Ellsworth Wilkinson and was born in 1827 and died in 1907. They had ten children: Milton, James, Thomas, Loretta, Anna Bell, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah Ella, Angelie and Estella. Sarah Ella Yeazell married Jacob Van Meter Bumgardner, youngest son of Jacob and Eleanor (Martin) Bumgardner, as narrated in Chapter Five.
- (3) Mary Ann Yeazell married Mr. Leffel.
- (3) John W. Yeazell married Sarah J. Ferguson.
- (3) Jeremiah Yeazell married Margaret Nickelson.
- (3) Isaac Yeazell married Elizabeth Wolf.
- (3) Caroline Yeazell married Martin Mahar.
- (3) Angeline Yeazell married John Waltman.
- (3) Francis Yeazell married Susan Runyan.
- (3) Liza Yeazell married a Mr. Gower.
- (2) Jeremiah Curl, born January 14, 1780, married Margaret Swisher.
- (2) Rachel Curl, born September 25, 1781.
- (2) Elizabeth Curl, born May 26, 1783, was united in marriage November 10, 1806, to Joseph Runyan, son of John Runyan and Susannah (Kuster) Runyan. These are the parents of Nancy Runyan who married Abraham Baumgardner and their descendants are listed in Chapter Seven. The ten children of Elizabeth Curl and Joseph Runyan are listed also in the first part of this chapter under "The Runyan Line."

Elizabeth Curl Runyan in her later years was blind and lived with her daughter, Nancy, who married Abraham Baumgardner. She smoked a pipe and because of her blindness depended on her young grandson, Joseph Runyan Baumgardner, to fill and light her pipe, which she kept with the tobacco in a large pocket on the back of her chair. It is told that he would light the pipe and smoke a large part of it before handing it to his grandmother. And since

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he was just a small boy at the time, he received many scoldings for this behavior.

- (2) Thomas Curl, born May 16, 1785, married Mary Faries.
- (2) Nancy Curl, born October 6, 1787.
- (2) Sarah Curl, born October 18, 1790, married Isaac Davisson.
- (2) William Curl, born September 14, 1793, was an ordained minister of the Methodist Church. He was married to Nancy Ann Ellsworth.
- (2) Charity Curl, born November 13, 1795.
- (2) Isaac Curl, born April 27, 1798, married Nancy Dawson.
- (2) John Curl, born April 18, 1802, married Dortha Faries. He served in the War of 1812.

ANCESTRY OF NANCY (RUNYAN) BAUMGARDNER THE BALL LINE

NANCY RUNYAN, wife of Abraham Baumgardner, was a direct descendant of William Ball of Berks, who lived in England in the middle of the 15th century. It was through this line that she claimed kinship to GEORGE WASHINGTON, Commander-in-chief of the army of the American Revolution and later first President of the United States. Following is an abbreviated account tracing only Nancy's descent. (Each number represents another generation.)

1. William Ball of Berks, died 1480. Wife unknown.
2. Robert Ball of Berkham, died 1543.
3. John Ball, died in 1599, married twice. His first wife was Alice Haynes by whom he had four children—William, Richard, Elizabeth and James. His second wife was Agnes Holloway to whom were born four children: JOHN, Robert, Thomas and Rachel.
4. John Ball, died 1628, married Elizabeth Webb. Ten children born: WILLIAM, Thomas, George, Richard, Samuel, Elizabeth, Susan, Alice, Dortha and Mary.
5. Colonel William Ball married Hannah Atheral. Three children born: WILLIAM, Joseph and Hannah.
6. Captain William Ball married Margaret Downman. Nine children: WILLIAM, Richard, James, JOSEPH, George, Samuel, David, Stanley and Margaret. As it will be noted in the following paragraphs, Captain William Ball became the great grandfather of George Washington.
7. Colonel Joseph Ball married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Rogers by whom he had one son, Joseph. By his second wife, Mrs. Mary Johnson, he had five daughters: Hannah, Elizabeth, Ester, Ann and MARY.
8. Mary Ball married Augustine Washington and the eldest son born to this couple was GEORGE WASHINGTON. The other Washington children were Betty, Samuel, John, Augustine, Charles and Mildred.

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7. William Ball, brother of Colonel Joseph Ball (George Washington's grandfather) and his wife, Mary, had a family of five children: William, Samuel, Joseph, MARY and Ann.
8. Mary Ball married Thomas Brown of Cardiganshire, Wales, and eleven children were born to them as follows: Hannah, Mary, SARAH, Daniel, Rachel, George, William, Joseph, Rebecca, John and Annie.
9. Sarah Brown, born in February, 1758, and died in 1828, married William Curl in 1776. William Curl was born in Virginia in 1754 and died January 19, 1841. He and his wife are buried near DeGraff, Logan County, Ohio, in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Their family numbered eleven: Mary Jeremiah, Rachel, ELIZABETH, Thomas, Nancy, Sarah, William, Charity, Isaac and John.
10. Elizabeth Curl married Joseph Runyan as outlined in Part IV of this chapter entitled "The Brown Line" and her descendants are listed therein.
11. Her daughter, Nancy Runyan, who married Abraham Baumgardner thus becomes an eleventh generation descendant of William Ball of Berks and her great, great grandfather Ball and George Washington's grandfather Ball were brothers. Nancy's grandmother (Sarah Brown Curl) and George Washington were second cousins.

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